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Decision on cloud seeding in two or three days: DKS

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A decision on cloud seeding would be taken by the State government in the next two to three days, said Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Monday. » Page 4

AIADMK exits NDA after ties with BJP turn bitter

Will form an alliance to face Lok Sabha poll in T.N., says deputy general secretary K.P. Munusamy, blaming the decision to end alliance on defamatory comments made by BJP's 'State leadership'

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, the main Opposition party of Tamil Nadu, on Monday announced its decision to withdraw from the National Democratic Alliance and snap ties with the BJP.

Amid recent strains with the BJP State leadership, the party took the decision "unanimously" at a high-level meeting of its district secretaries, headquarters secretaries, MPs and MLAs in Chennai. Party workers burst firecrackers to celebrate the severance of ties with the BJP.

Reading out a resolution adopted at the hour-long meeting, chaired by party general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami, senior leader K.P. Munusamy told presspersons that for the past year, the BJP State leadership had been "deliberately, in a planned manner and with motive, defaming" icons of the party such as former Chief Ministers C.N. Annadurai and Jayalalithaa and "criticising" policies of the party.

Palaniswami arrives at party headquarters in Chennai for the meeting held to decide the electoral alliance with BJP. R. RAGU

Though the resolution did not name any leader, it was obvious that the party alluded to BJP State unit president K. Annamalai.

The decision had been taken in "deference to the thought, desire, and sentiments" of the party workers, the resolution said, pointing out that the State leadership of the BJP had been "belittling" the golden jubilee meet of the AIADMK in Madurai last month, and "denigrating" Mr. Palaniswami, creating an "atmosphere of turbulence" among the party workers and office-bearers.

Mr. Munusamy announced that his party would form a coalition to face the Lok Sabha election in April-May 2024.

The development followed the declaration by the party's organisation secretary, D. Jayakumar, on September 18 that the BJP was no longer its ally.

However, he had hastened to add then that the alliance would be decided at the time of the election.

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Tibetans are seeking more autonomy, not separation from China, says Dalai Lama

Suhasini Haidar
MCLEODGANJ

Tibetans are asking for more autonomy but not political separation, asserts the Dalai Lama, adding that while he wishes to revisit Lhasa, he will prefer to live on in Dharamshala.

Speaking to journalists at his home in Dharamshala on Monday, ahead of what is expected to be a gruelling series of trips around India, including visits to Sikkim, Karnataka, and Bodh Gaya in Bihar this year, the Dalai Lama repeated some of the seemingly conciliatory remarks he has made in the past. China has, however, rejected these remarks, accusing the Dalai Lama, who has lived in exile in India since 1959, of being a "splittist" or separatist.

"We want to have full autonomy, as a part of the People's Republic of China. Then we can help millions of Chinese, [without] political separation, and remaining a part of the People's Republic," the Dalai Lama said while speaking to the small group of journalists, including from *The Hindu*, from Delhi. He added jokingly that he could then "brainwash" the Chinese as well, in a lighthearted response to China's allegations that the Tibetan Buddhist diaspora spreads "propaganda" about atrocities in Tibet by the Chinese government.

In July, the Dalai Lama had surprised many by announcing that he had been contacted "officially or unofficially" by the Chinese government. "In order to deal with Tibetan problems, they want to contact me. I am also ready [for talks]," he added.

Meet and greet: The Dalai Lama being greeted by the faithful at Dharamshala. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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SC questions quality of education in U.P.

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

A "watered-down" and delayed FIR against a Muzaffarnagar schoolteacher, who was shown on video showering communal remarks on her seven-year-old Muslim student and goading his classmates to thrash him, raised questions in the Supreme Court about religious discrimination and quality of education in Uttar Pradesh.

"The manner in which the incident has happened should shock the conscience of the State," Justice A.S. Oka, heading a Division Bench, addressed the Uttar Pradesh government on Monday.

Additional Solicitor-General K.M. Nataraj, for the State, said the "communal angle was blown out of proportion". "Something happened..." he began.

"Not just 'something'. This is very serious. The transcript of the video is there. If a teacher tells her students to hit another student because he belongs to a certain community, what is the quality and sensitivity of the education being given," Justice Oka asked Mr. Nataraj.

Justice Oka noted that the FIR registered after a "long delay" by the Uttar Pradesh Police had ignored statements made by the child's father about objectionable remarks made by the teacher, Tripti Tyagi.

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Bengaluru bandh today likely to be partial

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With farmers and Kannada organisations divided over the Bengaluru bandh call for Tuesday, because a section of them being firm on a Statewide shutdown on September 29, confusion and chaos ruled on Monday.

Many organisations that had earlier supported Tuesday's bandh call withdrew, indicating they may participate in the Karnataka bandh later this week.

This would essentially mean the Bengaluru bandh on Tuesday would at best be partial. While cabs, autorickshaws, and hotels and restaurants have decided to do usual business, Bengaluru (Urban) district administration has declared a holiday for schools and colleges as a precautionary measure.

However, Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation buses may be off the road, even as Namma Metro services will likely to remain unaffected. The police have clamped prohibitory orders in Bengaluru on Tuesday and denied permission for protest marches. City Police Commissioner B. Dayananda said police officials would take stern action against anyone seen forcing people to shut shop or participate in the bandh.

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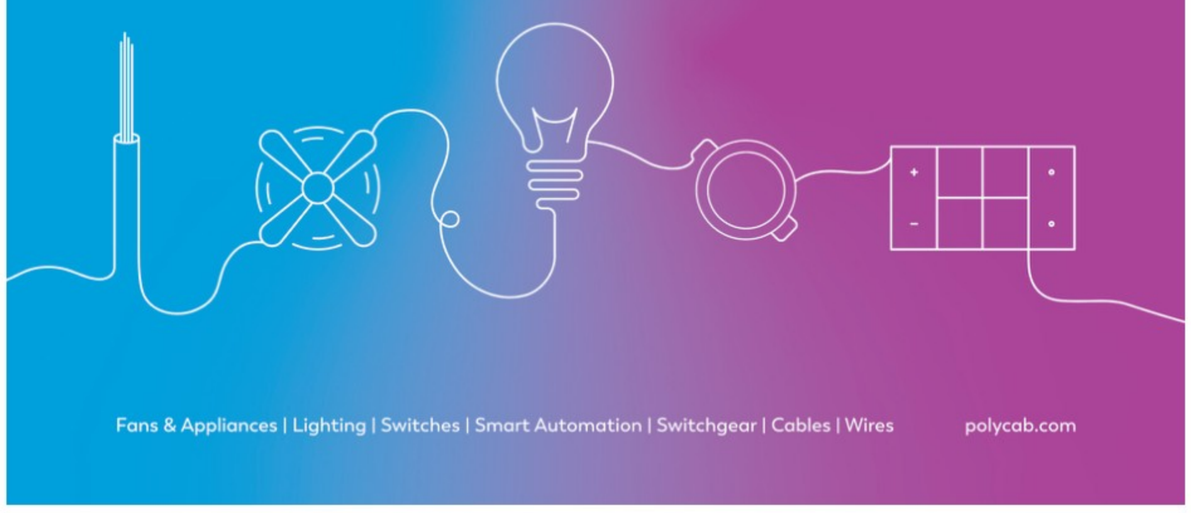

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Shooting stars, women's cricket team make India proud on Day 2 of Asiad

Uthra Ganesan
HANGZHOU

Gold on debut and youth to the fore were the main themes for India at the Asian Games here on Monday. While the women's cricket team finished on top, the young guns of Indian shooting combined for a new world record in the 10m air rifle team competition, on the second day of the Games.

Aged 22, 19, and 20 respectively, the trio of Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, Rudrankksh Patil and Divyansh Singh Panwar showed that the next generation of Indian shooters was ready for the big stage, upsetting favourite and host China to score a total of 1893.7 points to give India its first gold here.

The first two then ended up in a shoot-off for the bronze medal in the individual event. Panwar was unlucky to lose out on countbacks. In 25m rapid fire pistol, the team of Anish Bhanwala, Adarsh Singh and Vijayveer Sidhu finished third but Vijayveer slipped to fourth in the individual event.

The women's cricket team ensured that a low total would be no obstacle to its crowning glory, defeating Sri Lanka by 19 runs in the final with Titas Sadhu, 18, making a mark.

The Indian rowers ended their campaign with two bronze as India finished the day with a satisfactory haul of two gold and three bronze to take its medal tally to 11, placing it sixth on the table.

In the men's four event, Ashish, Punit Kumar, Bhim Singh and Jaswinder Singh were pushed to the third spot by China by 0.78 seconds. Satnam Singh, Parminder Singh, Sukhmeet and Jakar Khan brought India another medal by finishing third in quadruple sculls.

Golden glow: Richa Ghosh, Kanika Ahuja and Smriti Mandhana are all smiles after Team India's triumph on Monday. PTI

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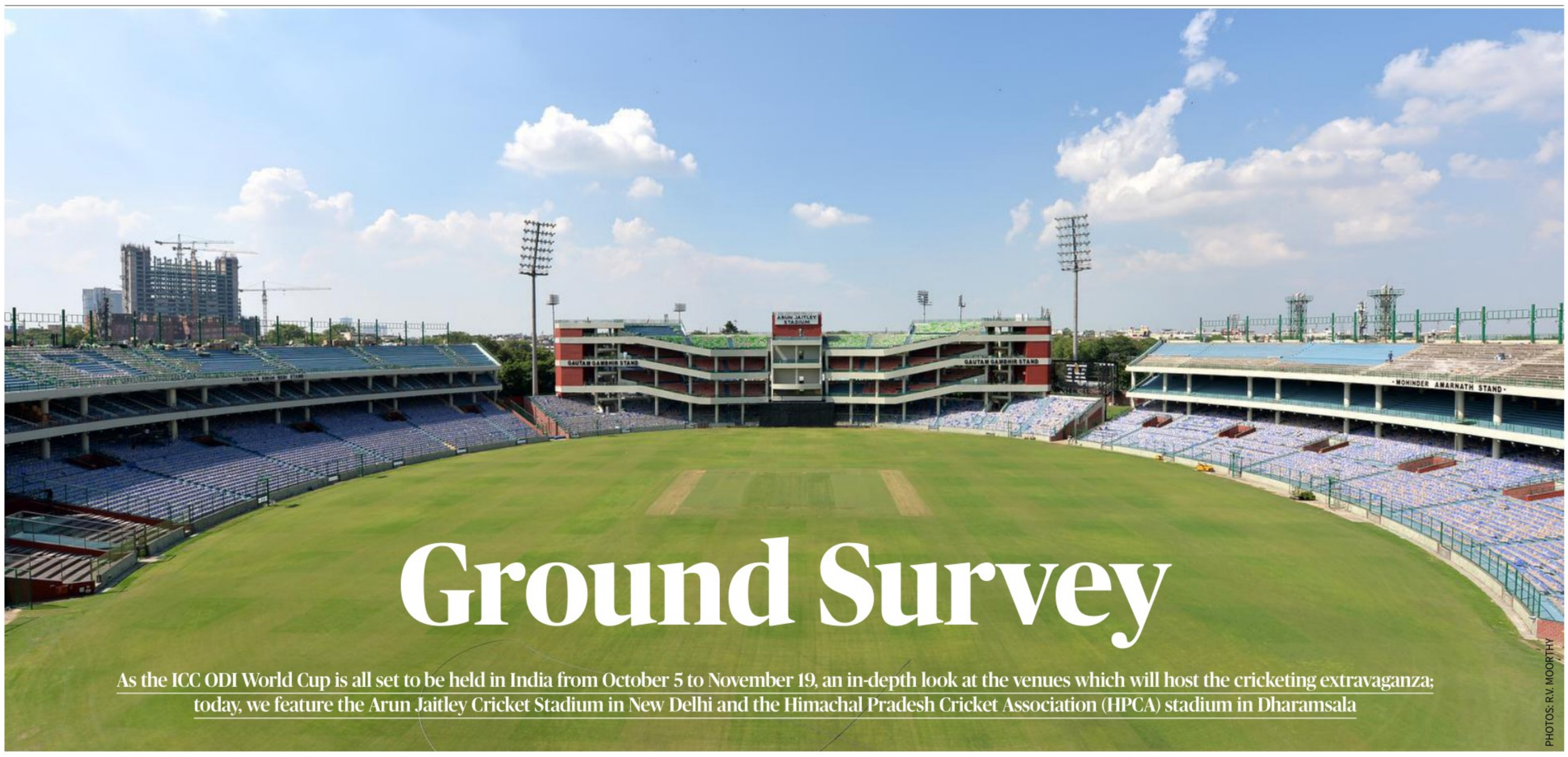

Ground Survey

As the ICC ODI World Cup is all set to be held in India from October 5 to November 19, an in-depth look at the venues which will host the cricketing extravaganza; today, we feature the Arun Jaitley Cricket Stadium in New Delhi and the Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association (HPCA) stadium in Dharamsala

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Vijay Lokapally

One of the five permanent centres in Indian cricket, the Ferozeshah Kotla (now renamed Arun Jaitley Cricket Stadium) has often been in the news for the wrong reasons.

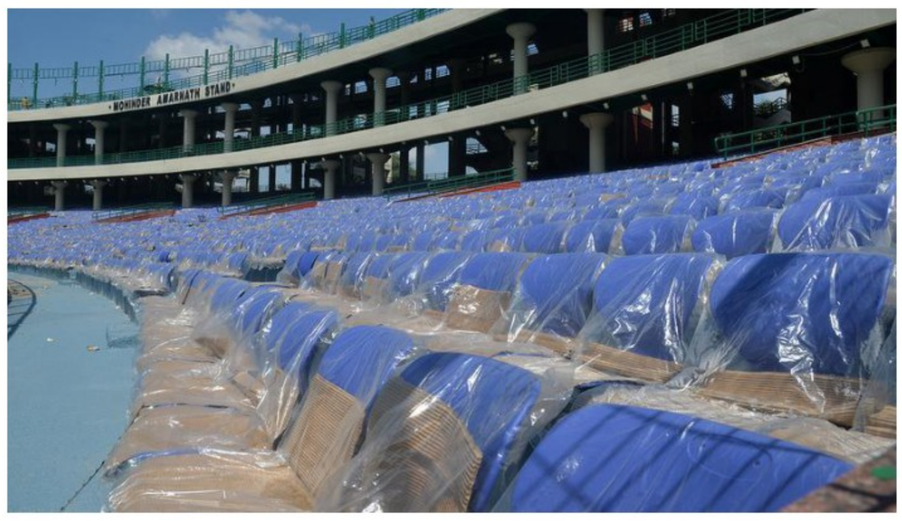
In 2009, the fifth and final ODI between India and Sri Lanka was abandoned after 23.3 overs with Sri Lanka on 83 for five. The venue has come a long way from that dark day in Delhi's cricket history and is getting a makeover ahead of the 2023 ODI World Cup.

Capacity: Officially, the stadium has a capacity of 37,499. Pillars block some of the seats in the general stands and the corporate boxes but the venue has progressed from the time when spectators were seated on roofless concrete stands. The stadium has gained 1700 seats in the old Club House with the permission of the Municipal authorities.

Hospitality boxes: A total of 37 Corporate Boxes are ready in the DDCA Lounge, Bay Area, Hill `B' and the BCCI Box. Six Boxes are available in the old Club House apart from Marquee Areas catering to every box. For the general stands, every seat has been replaced with new ones. The DDCA Lounge will have a bar and a restaurant that can cater to 110 people at a time.

Pitches: There are nine pitches in the main square of which three will be used for the World Cup. In addition, the two practice areas will also offer new pitches. New nets have been installed in the practice areas. Black soil has been used to prepare the pitches with a 22 to 30-strong ground staff.

Drainage and outfield: The DDCA has procured a state-of-the-art cover that will protect the entire playfield. The authorities have added a new super



sopper in addition to the three they have. The drainage system promises to make the outfield available for play within 15 minutes of the stoppage of rain. A new outfield mower will also be in use.

Entry points: There are 18 entry points. Gate Nos. 10 to 18 will allow the general public.

In case of emergency: The seats have been coloured in blue, orange and green and the stairway has been given a different colour for the fans to identify the steps in case of emergency.

Accessibility and challenges: The stadium has a metro station within walking distance. On match days, the metro rail authorities press extra services until two hours after the match is over. Every stand will have new lifts to cater to the elderly and individuals with special needs. A total of nine lifts have been added.

Dressing rooms: Comfortable seats have been added along with dedicated lockers for every member. Sauna baths and ice bath tubs with chilled water available throughout are new features in the revamped dressing rooms. A state-of-the-art gym is also available for players.

Restrooms: Access to clean toilets was an area which invited scathing criticism for DDCA in the past. Authorities have now put in place a total of 77 new washrooms. The authorities will provide sanitary pad dispensing machines and diaper changing stations for for infants.

Water: Free drinking water will be available in every stand through a centralised Reverse Osmosis (RO) facility in the stadium. The authorities have readied 30 drinking water stations (with 10 taps each) at various locations. Also, eateries at reasonable rates will be available for the fans.

Floodlights: There are four LED towers equipped with 400 LED fixtures.

What's new: LED lights adorn the stadium and facade lighting will illuminate the venue. Gas generators will be in use with an upgraded sub-station and new transformers. A total of 52 new turnstiles have been put in place at a cost of 5.5 crore. New air conditioners will be used in the entire stadium. A canopy at every gate is a new addition with water proofing and fresh paint in every stand. There will be two linear scoreboards in addition to the manual scoreboard which is mandatory. The scores will be visible to every spectator in the stadium. A giant screen will add to the entertainment segment.

Areas that need attention:

Parking is an issue at the stadium with space reserved for 300 vehicles catering to teams, broadcasters, BCCI officials, DDCA club members and some important government officials. The organisers have made parking arrangements for ticket holders on match days.

Hotels and tourism: There are many hotels in the vicinity. A popular place is the Delhi Parsi Anjuman Hall, located within 500 metres from the main gate, with rooms at reasonable prices. Quite a few star hotels are available in Connaught Place. The tourism is a plus for any visitor to the Capital with the Red Fort, Rajghat and Jama Masjid less than three km from the stadium.

"The gate to chair experience is my priority for the fans. I have approached my responsibility as a spectator. I have to look at it from the perspective of a ticket-buying fan. We have upgraded every facility from the time the stadium was renovated in 2008. I have given special attention to the food and beverages section for the fans with no compromise on hygiene. As an administrator, I can always look to provide the best of facilities. But the public should also assure responsible utilisation of the facilities. They have to come back again to enjoy the match viewing experience," says Rohan Jaitley, president of DDCA.

THE GIST

The Arun Jaitley Cricket Stadium will host five matches

- October 7 (South Africa vs Sri Lanka)
- October 11 (India vs Afghanistan)
- October 14 (England vs Afghanistan)
- October 25 (Australia vs Netherlands)
- November 6 (Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka)

The HPCA Stadium will also host five games

- October 7 (Afghanistan vs Bangladesh)
- October 10 (Bangladesh vs England)
- October 17 (Netherlands vs South Africa)
- October 22 (India v New Zealand)
- October 28 (Australia vs New Zealand)

The charm of the Himalayas and the comfort of an international stadium

Vijay Lokapally

The scenic surroundings of the Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association (HPCA) stadium in Dharamsala, embellished by the snow-capped mountains of the Dhauladhar ranges, are set to play host to the upcoming ODI World Cup.

Capacity: On paper, the stadium, in the heart of the town, has a capacity of 20,200, but some seats will not be in use to accommodate the sightscreens. It is an open stadium with no pillars blocking the view.

The stadium has come a long way, from 8,000 seats in the initial stages to 18,000 at the 2016 T20 World Cup. There are eight general stands for the fans with temporary ramps to facilitate entry.

Hospitality boxes: Seventeen corporate boxes have been built for the event. Each box can seat 25 people with the best of facilities: food, drinks, and a television set.

Of the 17 boxes, nine have been earmarked for the BCCI, ICCI, family members of the teams, and sponsors, and nine boxes are for sale.

A club lounge with 800 people gives an amazing view of the ground with the Dhauladhar Ranges in the distance. The ICC will have access to ¼ of the capacity. A state-of-the-art marquee area on the ground floor will be an added facility for the World Cup.

Picturesque: Located in the heart of the town, the HPCA stadium has a capacity of 20,200. VIKRANT SEHGALL

Practice facilities: The practice area has 10 relaid pitches that cater to all the needs: bounce, turn, and seam.

The new nets make the area attractive with floodlight facilities. In addition, due to the weather conditions, modern indoor facilities are also available, including a state-of-the-art gymnasium with rehab facilities.

The stadium has come a long way, from 8,000 seats in the initial stages to 18,000 at the 2016 T20 World Cup

Pitches: There are nine pitches, three for the World Cup, prepared by Sunil Chauhan. The pitches at the HPCA Stadium have always been rated high by the players, especially the bowlers. The emphasis on true bounce, thanks to the use of black soil, makes pitches in Dharamsala the most exciting feature of the set-up. The dew factor is taken care of by anti-dew spray. A team of 17 ground staff has worked tirelessly to spruce up the cricket facilities.

Drainage and outfield: Dharamsala uses an air evacuation mechanism that can drain any amount of water within a few minutes. This also allows aeration for the roots of the grass, keeping it healthy. Dharamsala being a cold weather region, the grass selected here is rye-grass, and to withstand the summer heat, it's over-seeded with a heat- and shade-tolerant grass variety called paspalum.

Entry points: There are 12 entry points to the stadium. Gate No. 1 brings in the teams and match officials. Comfortable walkways to the spectator area are a welcome comfort for the fans.

The spacious approach to the spectators' galleries is an important feature of the venue. Locals are used to walking long distances, but the organisers have made special arrangements with three huge parking lots at a distance of 500 metres to 1000 metres. Dedicated transport will be made available for the elderly and fans with special needs.

The HPCA will have a team of young volunteers to guide people in and outside the stadium. The volunteers, picked through a selection process, have undergone special training to attend to the needs of the spectators.

Accessibility and challenges: There are issues related to parking, but the traffic on matchdays is managed efficiently by the police and volunteers. The experience of hosting IPL matches flawlessly would come in handy at the World Cup.

Emergency situation: The exit routes have been marked, keeping in mind any emergency. Ambulances and medical facilities in the stands in adequate numbers will be available with easy access for the fans.

Dressing rooms: Special care has been taken to provide comfortable seats for the players, with dedicated lockers too.

The organisers have kept ready facilities like sauna baths and ice bath tubs, an essential part of any dressing room in modern times. The dressing rooms are spacious and give the players a beautiful view of the ground.

Water: The HPCA is committed to providing free drinking water to the fans. The eateries will offer packed boxes and snacks at a reasonable price, with an emphasis on hygiene.

Restrooms: There are 26 restrooms for the fans, with equal distribution for men and women. There are also provisions for fans with special needs.

Areas that need attention: The organisers would love to have greater parking facilities closer to the ground, but the infrastructure around the ground – government schools and colleges – has helped them meet the extra demands during the big matches.

Hotels and tourism: Radisson Blu, Hyatt, ITC Amoha, Taj, and Lemon Tree add to the budget hotels in town and in McLeodganj. Fans can also combine cricket with some adventure sports, including paragliding, in Bill Billing. The state also boasts some iconic temples and monasteries.

Final notification of 225 BBMP wards issued; BJP leaders decide to challenge it in court

If the Opposition party's petition is admitted in the High Court, it will likely delay the civic polls further

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government issued the final notification of the newly delimited 225 wards in the city's civic administration area on Tuesday. While this is seen as a step closer to holding the much-delayed civic polls in the city, multiple leaders from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) said they have decided to challenge this notification as their objections have not been considered and suitable changes made.

They allege that the delimitation was done "unscientifically" and to "benefit the ruling party", a charge the Congress then in the Opposition made against the earlier delimitation draft done by the previous BJP regime, giving the city's residents a sense of *deja vu*. This, if it finds admission in the High Court of Karnataka, will likely delay the civic polls further.

Senior Minister and city MLA Ramalinga Reddy, who heads a Congress party internal committee on Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) elections, has been saying that the government will hold civic polls in December 2023, in line with the High Court directions.

The court hearing multiple petitions challenging the earlier delimitation exercise and a petition seeking early polls to the civic body, had set a 12-week deadline to redo the exercise. The State government has now complied with the deadline.

The Urban Development Department, which issued the draft notification of the 225 wards on August 18, gave a 15-day window for the public to file objections. FILE PHOTO

Objections

The Urban Development Department (UDD), which issued the draft notification of the 225 wards on August 18, gave a 15-day window for the public to file objections. While the UDD received over 3000 objections.

Rakesh Singh, Additional Chief Secretary, UDD, said that a total of 1702 objections, mostly related to change of ward names and continuity of ward boundaries were considered before issuing the final notification. He said those objections that were considered impacted 68 wards. The Congress government had withdrawn the previous final notification that was issued by the then BJP government which demarcated 245 wards.

After withdrawal the new government reduced the number of wards to 225 and later issued draft notification. The new delimitation was done based on the 2011 population census and an average size of 37,000 people/ward.

Plan to challenge

Satish Reddy, BJP MLA for Bommanahalli Assembly constituency, said he would challenge the final notification in the court as it was "unscientific" and was done to "benefit the ruling party".

It can be recalled that Mr. Reddy had challenged the ward delimitation exercise done by the BJP government itself. "In Bommanahalli the number of wards were reduced from 14 to 12 despite the high population demands more number of wards, while in BTM Layout which has a Congress MLA more number of wards were demarcated as against the required.

'Process unscientific'

This has been done unscientifically to favour the ruling party. "I will be challenging this delimitation notification in the court," Mr. Reddy said.

N.R. Ramesh, another BJP leader said the residents of Thyagarajanagar will move the court challenging the process. Mr. Ramesh said that several booths in the area were found mentioned in both Yediyur, and Ganesh Mandir wards.

He said these wards were in the Yediyur ward in the draft notification, but have now been added to another ward despite UDD not receiving any objection from the Yediyur ward.

"This highlights the unscientific delimitation process which has also been prone to political manipulation," he said. Mr. Singh said they were open to rectifications even in the final notification.

Purple Line: CMRS gives green signal for metro service between K.R. Pura and Baiyappanahalli

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety (CMRS), Southern Circle has approved the commencement of operations for the K.R. Pura to Baiyappanahalli stretch of the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL), while it is scheduled to conduct an inspection of the Challaghatta-Kengeri line on Friday.

A senior official from BMRCL confirmed to *The Hindu* that the CMRS has issued safety authorisation to BMRCL to commission the K.R. Pura and Baiyappanahalli line. Meanwhile, the official also said that the CMRS inspection of Kengeri - Challaghatta section will be done on September 29. Last week, the CMRS completed the inspection of the eagerly awaited Baiyappanahalli-K.R. Pura section (2 km) of Namma Metro. Both stretches are likely to be opened for commercial operation in October. Before the Karnataka Assembly election dates were announced, the BMRCL inaugurated a 13.71 km metro line from K.R. Pura to Whitefield, which are 12 stations. However, a nearly 2 km segment between Baiyappanahalli and K.R. Pura remained unopened due to pending work.

An inspection of the K.R. Pura - Baiyappanahalli line being done by the Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety, on September 21.

As a result of this missing link, metro commuters are compelled to rely on feeder services for a 5 km journey to reach K.R. Puram after disembarking at Baiyappanahalli. These feeder services, operated by the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC), serve approximately 8,000 passengers daily. After the opening of both the Baiyappanahalli-K.R. Pura and Kengeri-Challaghatta sections to the public, the entire 44-km Purple Line, connecting Whitefield to Challaghatta, will become fully operational.

'Namma BMTC' app launched with safety features; 5,000 buses can be tracked

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The much awaited 'Namma BMTC' mobile app was launched by the BMTC on Monday as part of its silver jubilee celebrations. Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy launched it and said BMTC received funds from the Centre under Nirbhaya Scheme for implementing the BMTC mobile app with women safety feature, in-bus surveillance system in city buses, and Passenger Information System at bus stops/stations.

BMTC officials said this initiative brings in an advanced mobile application that women commuters can use to seek remote assistance in case of an emergency, and track movements of women passengers when support is sought by them.

"For 5,000 buses, onboard devices, vehicle tracking devices to know the location of the buses installed, 5,000 panic buttons, 10,000 CCTV cameras, and a surveillance system has been installed and 500 Passenger Information System Boards for displaying estimated time of arrival and departure at a bus stand and stations have been installed," Sathyavathi G., Managing Director of BMTC said.

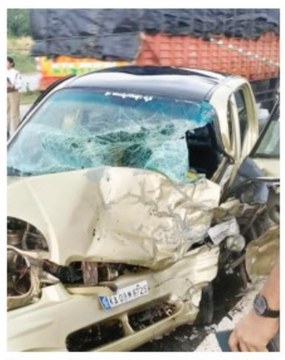
The Namma BMTC Mobile App is now available in Android platform and iOS platform developed by M/s MCT Cards and Technologies Pvt. Ltd.

"The initiative will be only 75% of the total fleet strength. In this regard, of the total 6500 plus buses, 5000 buses will only be tracked in real time. However, action will be taken to track the remaining buses in near future," a release stated.

Key features of Namma BMTC app

- Locate nearby bus stops (geo-location and text-based search)
- Estimated time of arrival (ETA) of the bus at the bus stop, ETA at the destination
- Route planner and timetable
- Safety SOS button
- Sharing location with contacts
- Marking passengers' favourite routes, bus stops
- Utilities like ATM, restaurant, hospital, police station, etc., around the bus stop
- Feedback

Three killed in accident on expressway



One of the vehicles damaged in an accident near Channapatna on Monday.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Three persons, including two women, were killed and several injured when an SUV driver lost control resulting in the vehicle jumping over the divider and crashing into a fleet of cars coming in the opposite direction near Lambani tanda, near Channapatna, on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway on Monday.

The SUV was heading towards Mysuru from Bengaluru and was speeding, even as it was raining. The driver lost control over the vehicle, hit the median, jumped over it and rammed into three cars in the opposite direction. While a woman and a man travelling in a car coming towards Bengaluru were killed on the spot, another woman succumbed to her injuries in a hospital.

The other occupants of the car along with the driver of the SUV sustained multiple fractures and were admitted.

The police recorded the statement of the injured. Traffic and Road Safety Commissioner Alok Kumar is supervising the investigation. "*Prima facie* it looks like rash and negligent driving led to the accident. However, further investigation is on ," Mr. Kumar said.

Four more spotted deer die at Bannerghatta Biological Park

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In addition to deer, seven leopard cubs also died recently at BBP after being infected

Four more spotted deer have succumbed at the Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP) taking the total death toll to 18.

BBP received 37 spotted deer housed in St. John's Medical College and Hospital, Bengaluru on August 17. According to BBP Executive Director, A.V. Surya Sen, the animals were anaemic and suffering from liver dysfunction before being shifted to BBP. "Blood sample analysis of animals have revealed that they are suffering from bacterial infection leading to the death of 14 animals showing hemorrhagic enteritis and endocarditis during post-mortem examination," Mr. Sen said in a statement.

Following the death of 14 animals, Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre had visited BBP on September 21 to review the situation.

"Following the meeting, the forest minister advised to step up the measures to be taken to improve the condition of the suffering animals. Despite the critical veterinary care, four animals have succumbed to death due to infection since September 21 till date. All necessary care and attention is provided to the remaining quarantined animals through trained veterinarians," Mr. Sen said.

In addition to the death of deer, seven leopard cubs have also died recently at BBP after being infected by Feline panleukopenia, a highly contagious viral disease.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **Smt. Lakshmi W/o Sri.Dhanashekar,** R/at N0.11, Sy No21/4, Devappa Garden, 2nd Cross, Nagashettyhalli, Bangalore-560 094 has agreed with our client, to sell all the piece and parcel of residential immovable property bearing No.77 more fully described below.

All persons claiming any interest in the below said property or any part thereof by way of sale, gift, lease, inheritance, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, possession, easement, attachment or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known to the undersigned at his office within **7 days** from the date hereof, failing which the said sale will be completed, without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived.

DETAILS OF THE PROPERTY:

All that piece and parcel of residential immovable property bearing **No. 77** measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet total of **1200 Sq. Ft.** (formed out of converted Sy. No.39/1, measuring 1 Acre 36 Guntas, converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide conversion order No. ALN (NAY) SR. 160/2010-11, dt. 02/04/2011, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at **Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore,** presently falling under the purview of Yelahanka Sub- Division, BBMP Ward No. 3 (Chikkabettahalli) bearing BBMP Khata No. 39/1/77, Bangalore and bounded on the:

East by : Road, West by : Site No. 88, North by : Site No. 78, South by : Site No. 76.

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BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE
CORRIGENDUM-II Date:25.09.2023

On behalf of President of India, Item rate E-Tenders are invited from Contractors of appropriate class for the following works.

NIT No.	**ISTRAC/CMG/E/CON/E-Tender-33/2023-24 Dated: 16.08.2023**
Description of Work	**Supply and Testing of 2x60KVA online parallel redundant UPS system at ISTRAC Campus, SCC, Bengaluru**
Estimated cost put to tender	**Rs. 62.47 Lakhs**
Tender Document details	**E-Tender**
Period of completion	**Three (03) Months**
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded	From 16:00 Hrs. on 17.08.2023 to 05.09.2023 till 10.00 hrs. Extended up to 19.09.2023 till 16.00 hrs. **Further extended up to 03.10.2023 till 16.00 hrs**
Bid clarification	From 11:00 Hrs. on 18.08.2023 to 06.09.2023 till 16.00 hrs. Extended up to 20.09.2023 till 16.00 hrs. **Further extended up to 04.10.2023 till 16.00 hrs**
Last date of reply to bid clarification	07.09.2023 up to 16.00 hrs. Extended up to 21.09.2023 up to 16.00 hrs. **Further extended up to 05.10.2023 up to 16.00 hrs**
Last date & time of receipt of tenders	08.09.2023 up to 16.00 hrs. Extended up to 22.09.2023 up to 16.00 hrs. **Further extended up to 06.10.2023 up to 16.00 hrs**
Due date and time of opening of tenders	11.09.2023 after 11.00 hrs. Extended up to 25.09.2023 after 11.00 hrs. **Further extended up to 09.10.2023 after 11.00 hrs**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs. 1,24,940.00**

Interested Tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details in website:**www.isro.gov.in.** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO.**

Sd/- Group Head,CMG

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Tender Notice No. BE-29-2023-24-OT-16
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work.

Description of Work	Appx. Value
Repairs to centralized AC plant at SMVB.	Rs. 28,26,048/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 17:00 hrs. of 16.10.2023**
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Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer Bengaluru
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General Public are hereby informed that, our client has proposed to purchase the Schedule property from its present owner **Smt.Prema S.,W/o.Sri.Suresh Chandra Babu**, Person/s, Financial Institution/s, Bank objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right, share, title and interest in the Schedule property may lodge their objections/claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within **2 weeks** from this day of publication and any objection/claims received thereafter will not be binding on our client and our client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned Schedule property as if there are no claims/ objections.

-:SCHEDULE PROPERTY:-

All that piece and parcel of an immovable property bearing vacant **Site No.3478/A,** BBMP Khatha No.3478/A, PID No.74-1-3478/A, measuring East to West 12.19 Mtrs. and North to South 18.29 Mtrs., totally measuring 222.96 Sq.Mtrs., in the layout formed by BDA, situated at **HAL II Stage, Bangalore** and bounded on :

East By : Temple property, West By : Site bearing No.3478/B, North By : Site bearing No.3478/F, South By : Road.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Sri. K. RAJASEKHARAN** aged about 78 years, S/o.Late Sri.P.Karunakaran Nair, R/@ Flat No.3, No.22, Sankey Road, Lower Palace Orchards, Sadashiva Nagar, Bangalore560003. Original Absolute Sale Deeds Document No. BNG(U)-BLR/13286 /2002-03 DATED 27/09/02, Registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru-North Taluk, Bengaluru, same is sold / executed by Vendor namely **Sri. K. RAJASEKHARAN** erstwhile Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, The piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing the Land Survey No. 37/2 situated at **VADDARAHALLI Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** Measuring 0.37.00.00 Guntas Dry Land and bounded on: **East by : A schedule belongs to Sri Jayaramu, West by : Land belongs to Ramaiah, North by : Asphalted Road, South by : Land belongs to Ramalingappa.**

If any person find the said Original documents shall handover to the undersigned Advocate or any person or persons having any right title interest or claim over property, the same may be informed to the undersigned Advocate, in person, along with the documentary proof, within **07 days** from the date of this publication, failing which, it is presumed that my client at liberty to deal with the same in any manner as he deems fit.

Any claim is made after the stipulated period, will not be valid and the finder will be valid and the finder will be suitable rewarded on return of the original document.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, MIZBA Rehan Sait, R/a No.F-1, 1st Floor, Canter Bury Apt, Norris Road, Bengaluru-560025 have changed my name to Mizbah Rehan Sait vide affidavit dt: 25.09.2023 sworn before Notary Smt.A.Manjula, B'luru.

I, SALY MM M/o Tijo George, R/o Kallupurackakathu House, Thalakkani, Kottiyoor, Kannur Dist, Kerala-670651, have changed my name to Saly vide affidavit dt 14 Sep 23 before notary A.R Muneer Ahmed, B'luru-08

I, Ashish Ajmani, born on 30-05-1986 in Ranchi, Jharkhand, currently Residing at 2nd floor, Ajmani House, Church Road, Dalpatti, Ranchi 834001, shall henceforth be known as Levi Grey. - Levi Grey

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, GEORGE F/o Tijo George, R/o Kallupurackakathu House, Thalakkani, Kottiyoor, Kannur Dist, Kerala-670651, have changed my name to George K J vide affidavit dt 14 Sep 23 before Notary A.R Muneer Ahmed, B'luru-08

I, SANARTHANAM Palanisamy, R/O. No.22,1st flR, 1st Mn Rd, Muneshwara Lyt, Devinagar, Rmv 2nd Stg Blr– 94, has changed name of my son from Vyajayant to Vyajayant Sanarthanam vide affdvt dated 18/09/23

I, DURA Devi P, W/o Dharme Pahari, R/a #101, Gowramma Compound, 1st Main Road, Kavalbyrasandra, R.T.Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560032 have changed my name to Dura Pahari vide affidavit dt: 05.09.2023 sworn before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar,B'lore.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BENGALURU
O.S. No. 25330 of 2023

BETWEEN: Sri ANJINAPPA, S/o Late. Sadappa, aged about 55 years, Residing at. No. 124, Shanthi Layout, 6th Cross, Kowdenahalli Village, Rammurthynagar, Doorvani Nagar Post, Bangalore-560016. ... **PLAINTIFF**

AND: Sri S. MUNIVENKATAPPA and others ... **DEFENDANT**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT
DEFENDANT No. 2,4,7,9

To, D-2. Sri S. SRINIVAS MURTHY, S/o. Sri Sadappa, aged about 36 years, R/at: No.176, Akshaya Nagara, 2nd Block, Kowdenahalli, Dooravani Nagara Post, Bengaluru-560 016.

D-4. Sri M. GANESH, S/o Late Muniyappa, aged about 53 years, R/at No.30, Anjaneya Temple Road, Jayachamarajendra Nagara, Bangalore.

D7. Sri SAMUAL MATHAI NOORNAL, S/o Mr. Mathai Nooranal, aged about 56 years, R/at.3B, Garden House, No. 27, Mr. Abbas Ali Road, Bangalore-560 042.

D9. Mrs. SHEELA, W/o Mr. Samual, aged about 52 years, R/at. 3B, Garden House, No.27, Mr. Abbas Ali Road, Bangalore-560 042.

Whereas, the plaintiffs above named filed the above suit against the defendants for the relief of partition and separate possession and other consequential reliefs in respect of the suit schedule properties. The Defendant No.2,4,7,9 above named is hereby directed to appear before the Hon'ble court either in person or through the pleader on the **13/10/2023** at **11:00 A.M** to defendant the above case, Failing which the matter will be heard ex-parte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that peace and parcel of the Property bearing Sy. No.28/1, measuring 1 Acres 08 guntas, Situated at Kothanur Village, K.R. Pura Hobli, Earlier Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru. bounded on: **East by:** Property of Yamakka, **West by:** Khane Property, **North by:** Property of Nanjundappa, **South by:** Property of Munipillappa.

Given under my hand and seal of the court, on this 20/09/2023

By order of the Court, The Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Petitioner
SHIVANNA .T.S
No.16, 2nd Floor, Padmavathi Arcade, 1st Main Road, N.R. Colony, Bengaluru.

Newly minted NRF has a chance to bridge India's science, society gap

One narrative on funding rationales is that the 'relevance' and/or the 'utility' of research work should not matter. This has been echoed in the NRF debate, with commentators arguing that, since scientific advancements often arise unexpectedly, research shouldn't be prescriptive or directed

Moumita Koley
Ismael Rafols

The National Research Foundation (NRF) is a new research funding agency that the Union Cabinet recently approved. It has a budget of ₹ 50,000 crore over five years and was set up to help boost research and innovation in India by providing more funding, streamlining the research funding process, and strengthening linkages between academia, industry, society, and government.

Following the announcement, there have been discussions among scientists around the kind of research that the NRF should fund such that the outcomes are innovative solutions to practical challenges. This is a difficult task due to an academic culture that is mainly directed by internal academic priorities and incentives, but not generally related to social problems and challenges.

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Vannevar Bush's argument

One prominent narrative on funding rationales is that the 'relevance' and/or the 'utility' of research work should not matter. This has been echoed in the NRF debate, with some commentators arguing that, since scientific advancements often arise unexpectedly, research should not be prescriptive or directed. Other experts have highlighted the importance of forging ties between academic scholars and other key players within the science, technology, and innovation (STI) system. This includes liaison with line ministries and the relevant industrial sectors right from the inception of the problem statement. Finally, a few experts have emphasised the importance of including societal stakeholders in thinking about both the issues and research pathways that STI should address.

The first argument rests on the unpredictable and accidental nature of many discoveries and contends that - in the words of Vannevar Bush's 1945 advocacy paper 'Science: The Endless Frontier' - we ought to let "the free play of free intellects ... dictated by their curiosity" drive innovation.

This linear, or pipeline, model assumes that new knowledge will automatically lead to new technology and innovation, fueling economic growth and addressing market gaps in knowledge creation. So the government should invest in scientific research because scientific breakthroughs will 'naturally' find their way into practical applications, via private sector innovation.

Many important technologies have benefited from discoveries driven by curiosity, including genome-sequencing, medical diagnostics, and several materials used in construction and various goods.

Sarewitz's counterargument

But this argument has long been challenged. In his 2016 essay 'Saving Science', Arizona State University professor of science and society Daniel Sarewitz wrote that many key inventions in postwar U.S. were the product less of curiosity and more of the technological demands of the Department of Defense (DOD). Sarewitz contended that the DOD's engagements with science illustrated that the "free play of free intellects" was not the main path followed in most instances of innovation.

The DOD provided critical investment and direction for fundamental research in diverse fields, from physics to molecular biology. Its investments influenced the rapid development of computers in the 1950s, and nurtured the growth of computer science as an academic discipline by funding research in institutions such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Stanford University.

This acceleration in turn paved the way for the World Wide Web, which later led - after similar guidance and material support from the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) - to companies such as Google.

Revisiting the penicillin story

Even the narrative of the discovery of penicillin is less serendipitous than it is often depicted to be. In 1928, Alexander Fleming, a bacteriologist at St. Mary's Hospital in London, unexpectedly observed that a mould, later identified as *Penicillium notatum*, had inhibited the growth of *Staphylococcus*, a bacterial genus responsible for ailments such as sore throat.

Fleming's subsequent publication in the *British Journal of Experimental Pathology* in June 1929 only hinted at the potential therapeutic benefits of penicillin. Yet the actual substance was isolated by a team at the Sir William Dunn School of Pathology at the University of Oxford. Their target-driven endeavour from 1939, a decade after Fleming's note, and subsequent industrial involvement in its production is what transformed penicillin into the life-saving drug it is today. Similarly, military foresight pushed for the first jet engines, which went on to transform civil and commercial aviation.

Many pieces of modern technology owe their existence to government-led innovations, as the economist Mariana Mazzucato has argued in her book *The Entrepreneurial State* (2011). This is to say that the 'free play of intellects' is a romantic notion that is not borne out in a closer reading of the history of science.

> Many key inventions in postwar U.S. were the product less of curiosity and more of the technological demands of the Department of Defense

More realistic models of innovation

A new innovation model emerged in the 1980s called the 'national innovation system'. This model is based on the idea that innovation to create a flourishing country requires the fostering of connections, promoting learning within systems and empowering entrepreneurship. Countries like Japan and South Korea owe their innovation-led economic growth to the successful implementation of an interconnected innovation system, e.g. between automobiles companies and part suppliers, even though their basic science was not particularly strong in the 1970s-80s.

In the STI domain, these two frameworks to support science have historically governed the policy discourses of funding agencies worldwide: the pipeline model rooted in the post-war era, emphasising the role of basic research and assuming automatic translation to innovation and economic growth, and the techno-nationalist system from the 1980s, focused on building interconnectedness among universities, research institutes, companies and governments.

Now, a third innovation model, focusing on transformative change towards sustainability is emerging: there is consensus across countries spanning various levels of economic development that STI shouldn't only foster growth, but that it also needs to transform society to make it environmentally and socially sustainable. To achieve this, citizen science and stakeholders participation help in informing science regarding the types of knowledge that can transform society towards sustainability.

Wind power in Denmark offers an example of the third model. In the face of the energy crises of the 1970s, Denmark's grassroots environmental movement created local cooperatives and small firms that experimented with wind turbines, with support from national technological institutes and policies (feed-in tariffs). This coalition eventually led Denmark to become one of the leading exporters of wind-turbines, contributing to its transition to green energy.

Historically, research funding by Indian agencies has preferred the pipeline model, allowing 'free intellects' to guide national progress in STI. The formation of the NRF now gives the country the opportunity to revisit its STI policies. While support to basic research is always an important part of the science policy-mix, there is now the opportunity to revisit our affiliation with the pipeline model and chart the way towards the newer models of innovation. These emphasise the importance of creativity led by social challenges and stakeholder participation to achieve transformative innovation towards a more just and sustainable future.

(Moumita Koley is an STI Policy Researcher, DST-CPR, IISc, and Consultant, International Science Council. Ismael Rafols is a senior researcher at CWTS University Leiden and UNESCO Chair on Diversity and Inclusion in Global Science.)

Researchers uncover wooden artefacts on the banks of the Kalambo River in Zambia, near where the oldest-known use of wood in construction was found, in this image from July 2019. REUTERS

Humans have built with wood for 4.7L years

Reuters

Along the banks of the Kalambo River in Zambia near Africa's second-highest waterfall, archaeologists have excavated two logs of the large-fruited bushwillow tree that were notched, shaped and joined nearly half a million years ago.

These artefacts, researchers said on Wednesday, represent the oldest-known example of humans - in this case a species that preceded our own - building wooden structures, a milestone in technological achievement that indicates that our forerunners displayed more ingenuity than previously thought.

The logs, modified using stone tools, appear to have been part of a framework for a structure, a conclusion that contradicts the notion humans at that time simply roamed the landscape hunting and gathering resources.

"The framework could have supported a walkway or platform raised above the seasonally wet surroundings. A platform could have multiple purposes including storage of firewood, tools, food and as a foundation on which to place a hut," said archaeologist Larry Barham of the University of Liverpool in England, lead author of the study published in the journal *Nature*.

The earliest-known *Homo sapiens* fossils date from roughly 300,000 years ago in Morocco. The Kalambo Falls logs were determined to be from about 476,000 years ago

"Not only did the working of trees require considerable skill, the right tools and planning, the effort involved suggests that the makers were staying in the location for extended periods whereas we have always had a model of Stone Age people as nomadic," Barham added.

"While the vast majority of archaeological sites of this age preserve only the stone tools, Kalambo Falls provides us a unique insight into the wooden objects that these tools were being used to create, allowing us a much richer and more complete picture of the lives of these people," said geographer and study co-author Geoff Duller of Aberystwyth University in Wales.

"Wood can be shaped into a variety of forms, making it an excellent construction material that is strong and durable," Barham added.

The earliest-known *Homo sapiens* fossils date from roughly 300,000 years ago in Morocco. The Kalambo Falls logs were determined to be from about 476,000 years ago.

No human remains were found there, but Barham suspects the artefacts were fashioned by a species called *Homo heidelbergensis* known from about 700,000 to 200,000 years ago. *Homo heidelbergensis* possessed a large brow ridge and a bigger braincase and flatter face than earlier hominins - species on the human evolutionary lineage.

The overlying log at Kalambo Falls is about 1.4 metres long, with tapering ends. About 1.5 metres of the underlying log was excavated.

The wood, found in a waterlogged condition, was preserved by a permanent high-water table at the site. Clay sediments surrounding it provided an oxygen-free environment preventing decay.

THE SCIENCE QUIZ

It's a particle... It's a wave... It's a duality!

Vasudevan Mukunth

Please send in your answers to science@thehindu.co.in

QUESTION 1
A double-slit experiment typically produces a band of light with alternating bright and dark patches. These patches are due to _____ and _____ interference, respectively. Fill in the blanks.

QUESTION 2
When a wave of light passes through an aperture whose width is comparable to the wave's wavelength, the result is a phenomenon called _____. The phenomenon also results when sound waves pass through a medium with a changing acoustic impedance. Fill in the blank.

QUESTION 3
A modified version of the double-slit experiment setup, called the ____-_____ _____, uses two beam-splitters as well as a combination of lenses and mirrors, and is popular in the study of quantum entanglement. Fill in the blanks.

QUESTION 4
In 1993, two physicists created a thought experiment in which the device in Q3 and the principles of the double-slit experiment could be used to check if a light-sensitive bomb was live or a dud without always detonating the bomb. Name the setup.

QUESTION 5
The double-slit experiment shows that a given quantum object will behave either as a wave or as a particle depending on the circumstances. Name the interpretation of quantum mechanics that explains this as being a result of the interaction between an observer and the thing being observed, rather than as an implicit property of the object.

Answers to September 21 quiz:
1. Diagram plotting star's brightness versus colour – **Ans: Hertzsprung-Russell diagram**
2. Lightest elements whose fusion yields less energy than it consumes – **Ans: Iron**
3. Inert core of star that can't start carbon fusion – **Ans: White dwarf**
4. Name of neutron star's upper mass limit – **Ans: Tolman-Oppenheimer-Volkoff limit**
5. Explosion that destroys a star in a thermonuclear blast – **Ans: Pair-instability supernova**
Visual: **Crab Nebula**
First contact: P.N. Moorthy | Harsha Makkuva | Saran Mishra | Kamuju Ridhi Trailokya

Visual: Name this individual and his connection to the double-slit experiment. HENRY PERRONET BRIGGS (CC BY-SA 4.0)

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Many groups withdraw support to today's bandh

Group led by Vatal Nagaraj decides to call for Karnataka bandh on Friday; all national highways in the State will be blocked. Associations that withdrew support are likely to back Friday's bandh

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A meeting between two groups of activists and organisations - one led by farmers leader, Kurubur Shanthakumar who has called for Bengaluru bandh on Tuesday, and another led by Kannada activist Vatal Nagaraj who is preparing for Karnataka bandh on September 29 - failed to arrive at any consensus on Monday.

The two groups have decided to go ahead with their own bandh calls, resulting in two bandh calls the same week, over the Cauvery river water dispute with Tamil Nadu and against the Sate government releasing water to the neighbouring State as per the directions of the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA).

After the meeting, Mr. Nagaraj said that they had decided not to support Bengaluru bandh, which was narrow in its agenda and had decided to call for Karnataka bandh on September 29, Friday, when all National Highways in the State would be blocked.

Various pro-Kannada organisation leaders, led by Vatal Nagaraj and Sa. Ra. Govindu, at a press conference in Bengaluru on Monday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Support withdrawn

Soon after this announcement, several associations who had earlier announced support to Tuesday's bandh withdrew their support, indicating they will likely participate in Friday's bandh.

T.M. Rudramurthy, General Secretary, Auto Rickshaw Drivers' Union said as State-wide bandh call was more effective and sent a strong message, the union had decided to run autos on Tuesday.

"We will not be supporting Tuesday's bandh and services in the city will not be disrupted." Ola, Uber, Drivers and Owners Association president, Tanveer Pasha said cabs will be on the city roads catering to the needs of the commuters and they have decided to go off-road on Friday. He also urged the State to open rowdy sheets against those who resort to violence against cab drivers. Private buses have also decided to run services as usual on Tuesday.

With most of the transport services available, people commuting in the city are unlikely to face any problems. The people travelling to-and-fro from the airport also may not face any inconvenience, sources in the industry said.

BMTC buses

Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) Staff and Workers' Federation has urged Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) employees not to take the buses out from the depot on Tuesday. The Federation stuck to its stand on Monday and refused to withdraw their support to the Bengaluru Bandh call. However, sources said depending on the situation on Tuesday, BMTC drivers may take a call whether to run buses or not.

Hotels and restaurants

P.C. Rao, president of the Bengaluru Hotels' Association said the restaurants will remain open and the association will support Karnataka bandh later this week. Street vendors associations have also announced that while they extend their moral support to Bengaluru Bandh on Tuesday, they will do business as usual.

DKS: Protest is okay, but peace paramount

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who had earlier expressed his reservations about bandh on the Cauvery issue, said the government would cooperate with the bandh and protests related to Cauvery water sharing. "The protests are being held to safeguard the interest of the State's land, water and language issues. We will co-operate with the protest.

We will not prevent any protest. However, peace should be protected and public should not be inconvenienced," he said.

'Fundamental right'

The Deputy Chief Minister said that protest is the fundamental right of any party in democracy.

"No party will be prevented from participating in protests. Our party colleagues have asked what to do about the protest. We have suggested to them to fight to protect our rights," he added.

Prohibitory orders clamped

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The city police have clamped prohibitory orders under Section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) in the city for 24 hours starting Monday midnight, to prevent any untoward incident and violence during the Bengaluru Bandh on Tuesday.

Karnataka Jala Samrakshana Samithi has given the bandh call to protest against the release of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu.

It can be recalled that riots broke out in the city in 2016 during similar protests over Cauvery river water dispute with Tamil Nadu.

This has prompted the police to take several precautionary measures.

City Police Commissioner B. Dayananda said that the police personnel have been directed to ensure no one forces people to participate in the bandh.

"As many as 100 platoons of reserve forces including Karnataka State Police Force, and City Armed Reserve have been deployed in the city along with the entire city police force to maintain law and order," he said.

BJP supporters led by the party's national secretary, C.T. Ravi protesting in front of the BWSSB office against Cauvery water being released to Tamil Nadu , on Monday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Schools and colleges to remain shut

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bengaluru Urban district administration has declared a holiday for all the schools and colleges in the city.

It is a precautionary measure in view of the safety of children, and to avoid inconvenience caused due to the bandh.

Drinking water crisis: Govt. says no worries till summer

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As Bengaluru is likely to partially shut down due to the bandh called on Tuesday to protest against the government releasing Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu, there is a dark shadow of a drinking water crisis looming over the city.

A bad monsoon has led to drying up of borewells, especially in outer zones which have been looking forward to getting Cauvery water supply from January 2024, which seems unlikely now. The prices of tanker water have shot up and it is only September and the city is dependent on the fast-depleting Cauvery river water till next monsoon in June 2024.

Rakesh Singh, Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development Department and Water Resources Department, said there was sufficient water for the drinking water needs till the next summer and it won't be a problem.

But concerns remain. A delegation of the opposition BJP on Monday petitioned the BWSSB, demanding that the Board write to the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) appealing to them to clear the decks for the Mekedatu balancing reservoir, which they argued would also help the city.

In fact, BWSSB Chairman N. Jayaram had recently written to Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Ltd., urging them to prioritise and reserve water for the city's drinking needs till the next monsoon. Presently, Bengaluru draws 1,450 MLD water every day from Shiva reservoir at Malavalli for its drinking water needs, which will increase by another 700 MLD from January 2024 once the Cauvery V Stage is inaugurated and water supply begins for 110 villages. "To ensure adequate drinking water supply to Bengaluru, with a population of 12.8 million, BWSSB needs 1.6 tmcft of water every month till December 2023.

Sources said given the water crisis in the Cauvery basin, additional water supply to 110 villages was unlikely from January 2024 and these villages may have to wait longer.

Airlines ask passengers to reach KIA early

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As commuting to the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) is likely to be affected due the Bengaluru bandh on Tuesday, airlines have been asking passengers to plan their travel and reach the airport in advance to avoid any inconvenience.

3-hour buffer

Akasa Air and SpiceJet has asked its passengers to reach the airport at least three hours prior to their flight's departure.

Cancel or rebook

Akasa Air has also given an option for its passengers to rebook on an alternative available flight in case they do not want to travel to or from Bengaluru on September 26. The service can be availed by called on their care centreon +91 9606 112131, the airline added. Another airline Vistara has said that its flights will continue as per the current schedule.

The Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) in a passenger advisory said, "Due to the one-day Bengaluru bandh called by various unions and organisations on September 26, 2023, we anticipate disruption in transport services. Passengers are advised to plan their travel to and from the airport accordingly. Passengers are requested to follow alerts from respective airlines, law enforcement agencies and media releases for further updates."

'Permission given only to hold protest at Freedom Park'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The police on Monday told the High Court of Karnataka that they have denied permission for holding procession by various organisations under the banner of the Karnataka Jala Samrakshana Samithi as part of their Bengaluru bandh call.

The Samithi has been granted permission to hold only a demonstration at Freedom Park on the Cauvery water issue, and the police have made it clear to the court.

The police also told the court that around 800 persons, who were accused of indulging in violence during the bandh on Cauvery water row in 2016, have been temporarily detained. Stating that the samithi has also been made aware that the bandh call is contrary to the judgements of the apex court and carrying out procession in Bengaluru city is against the directions of the High Court, the police have told the court that notice has been issued to the Samithi on its bandh call.

An affidavit has been filed by H.T. Shekhar, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Central) during the urgent hearing of PIL petitions taken by the High Court on an application filed by one of the petitioners, Ravikumar Kanchanahalli, on Monday.

The petitioner, in his application, had sought directions to the authorities to take preventive measures to prevent untoward incidents and damages to the public and private properties during September 26 bandh.

The application was filed in the petition filed by himself in 2018, which is pending final adjudication about the alleged illegality of a bandh call given in 2018 in Bengaluru, and Ramanagara district.

"Safe priority zones for Tamil Nadu registered vehicles have been identified and security will be provided. The pockets of Tamil-speaking people and commercial commercial establishments owned by Tamilians would be provided with security," it has been assured in the affidavit.

Timings
BENGALURU

TUESDAY, SEP. 26	
RISE 06:09	SET 18:13
RISE 16:00	SET 02:49
WEDNESDAY, SEP. 27	
RISE 06:09	SET 18:12
RISE 16:48	SET 03:52
THURSDAY, SEP. 28	
RISE 06:09	SET 18:12
RISE 17:34	SET 04:52

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	32	24
Mysuru	32	22
Bengaluru	29	21

Bengaluru Today
29°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm and humid. Night will be pleasant. Spell of moderate rain and thundershower to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
30°C The weather will be slight warm and humid. Night will be pleasant. Chances of light rain and thundershower at few places.

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Global coffee world descends on Bengaluru at coffee conference

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Bengaluru, India, and the whole of Asia reached the pinnacle of the global coffee world as the Coffee Board of India announced the opening of the 5th World Coffee Conference (WCC) here in the city on Monday.

Addressing a large global coffee audience gathered at Palace Grounds, K.G. Jagadeesha, CEO and Secretary, Coffee Board of India, said, "Today marks a historic day in the annals of Indian coffee. We are getting a unique distinction and recognition by having been selected to be the host of the event. Today also marks the commencement of an extraordinary journey of the expansive landscape of Asia.''

According to Mr. Jagadeesha, the primary objective of the conference is to cultivate knowledge, promote collaboration, and facilitate networking among coffee professionals on a global scale.

"We are honoured to extend our warm welcome to revered leaders and visionary figures from every corner of the coffee world. Together, we embark on a path of profound transformation and unparalleled growth, bound by our shared passion for coffee and a steadfast commitment to progress,'' he added.

K.G. Jagadeesha, CEO and Secretary, Coffee Board of India, leading the international delegates for the inauguration of the 5th World Coffee Conference 2023, at Palace Ground, in Bengaluru on Monday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Western Ghat Coffee Museum created during the 5th World Coffee Conference 2023, at Palace Ground.. K. MURALI KUMAR

Magical powers

Sunil D'Souza, CEO & MD, Tata Consumer Products said, it was exciting to see the whole world descend on Bengaluru to explore the magical powers of the wonderous world of coffee. The journey so far has been a continuous exploration of mastering the art of cultivation and by ensuring the protection of biodiversity, he said.

"However, the coffee industry isn't only about sunshine and espresso shots. The contemporary coffee industry is at the crossroads now. In an era when the entire realm of coffee is changing unprecedentedly. Consumer preferences are rapidly changing and technological advancements are actually making coffee farming like science fiction,'' observed Mr. Sunil D'Souza.

Some plantations were known for ensuring the richness of biodiversity. Each and every player in the industry has to play a responsible role to ensure that the coffee remained a source of delight forever across the globe, he cautioned. Speaking on the occasion, Nestle India, Chairman and Managing Director, Suresh Narayanayan said Nestle was one of world's largest processors of coffee and every cup of Nescafe served anywhere across the globe has an India connection. "India is fast approaching a time when its coffee will be treated with international coffee. The WCC will accelerate this transition,'' he opined.

Economic importance

The opening day concluded with insightful keynote sessions on Global Coffee Perspectives and Future Prospects by Dr. Vanusia Nogueira, Executive Director, International Coffee Organisation.

The four-day global coffee exposition, being organised by London-based International Coffee Organisation, set up under the aegis of the United Nations to highlight the economic importance of coffee, is beng attended by coffee industry stakeholders including producers, curers, roasters, exporters, policy makers, specialty coffee experts, and researchers from over 80 coffee growing and coffee consuming geographies including India.

The coffee exposition would also feature conference, skill building workshops, growers conclave, CEOs & Global Leaders Forum, start-up conclave, competitions & awards, and an exhibition showcasing cutting-edge coffee products and services.

The WCC features a dome-shaped coffee museum that showcases coffee plantations in the Western Ghats. The structure is put out to narrate the distinctive qualities of shade-grown and unique coffees in India.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

The number of demat accounts opened in August 2023

12.7 in crore. Of the 12.7 crore total, 3.3 crore and 9.35 crore demat accounts were registered in the National Securities Depository Limited and Central Depository Services Limited respectively. PTI

Number of electric vehicles sold in Tamil Nadu this year

4.14 in lakh. Out of a total of approximately 10 lakh electric vehicles sold in India, Tamil Nadu constitutes for more than four lakh in sales between January and September this year. PTI

The people affected due to pollution from metal-mining

23 in million. According to research in *Science*, the hazard is for people residing on floodplains as they face severe effects from the potentially harmful concentrations of toxic waste from metal mining. PTI

The quota for the mining of rare earth minerals in China

2.4 In lakh metric tonnes. As the largest producer and consumer of rare earths, China increased the allowed mining of rare earth minerals by 14% this year making it a record high. REUTERS

The increase in steel imports from China to India

69 in percentage. Imports from China's steel industry were at a five-year high at the beginning of this fiscal year, making it the second-largest steel importer. REUTERS

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The Cauvery water conundrum

What did the Supreme Court rule with respect to the water sharing agreement between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu? Why are Karnataka's farmers organisations and groups protesting against the directive and the government? What has been Tamil Nadu's stance?

EXPLAINER

T. Ramakrishnan

The story so far:

On September 21, the Supreme Court asked Karnataka to continue releasing 5,000 cubic feet per second (cusecs) of water from the Cauvery river to Tamil Nadu for 15 days, in line with decisions of the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) and the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA). This has evoked a strong reaction from certain sections of Karnataka, an upper riparian State.

How has the public reacted?

On September 22, the police arrested activists of the Federation of Karnataka Farmers' Associations in Mysuru as they tried to barge into the Mysuru Zilla Panchayat premises to gherao Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh. The next day, several shops and business establishments remained closed in Mandya. A coalition of farmers and Kannada organisations have called for a bandh in Bengaluru on September 26, where the CWRC is scheduled to meet and review the situation of water availability and release.

How is the Cauvery water being shared?

The Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT)'s final award of 2007 and the Supreme Court's judgment of February 2018 spell out the system for sharing the river water and the institutional mechanisms for ensuring implementation of the judicial verdicts. Pointing out that 740 thousand million cubic feet (tmc ft) of water would be available in the Cauvery basin in a normal year, the Court, which broadly adhered to the CWDT's award, made the allocation for constituents of the basin as follows: Karnataka (284.75 tmc ft); Tamil Nadu (404.25 tmc ft); Kerala (30 tmc ft) and Puducherry (7 tmc ft). Ten tmc ft and four tmc ft have been set apart for environmental protection and inevitable escapages into the sea.

Of Tamil Nadu's overall allocated quantity, Karnataka is to ensure 177.25 tmc ft, as per a monthly schedule, at Biligundulu, located on the inter-State border. Of this quantity, 123.14 tmc ft is to be given during the period from June to September, also marking the season of the southwest monsoon. Invariably, it is during this period that the Cauvery issue gets flared up, as the monsoon sometimes yields lower rainfall than anticipated.

The CWMA and its assisting body, CWRC, are in existence since June 2018 to oversee the implementation of the verdicts of the Tribunal and the Court.

At crossroads: Farmers stage a protest by standing in the Cauvery water over the Cauvery water release issue, in Trichy, Tamil Nadu on September 24. ANI

Why are Karnataka's farmers upset?

This year's southwest monsoon has played truant, especially in south interior Karnataka, the region where the Cauvery river originates. Between June 1 and September 23, the region suffered a deficit rainfall of 27%, according to the India Meteorological Department. Kodagu of Karnataka and Wayanad of Kerala, which form part of the catchment of the Cauvery and its tributary, Kabini, registered a deficit rainfall of 43% and 56% respectively. Karnataka, in its application before Court, had stated that "...at the reservoir level, which covers a part of the catchment, the shortfall is 53.42%," given the fact that the State has four reservoirs in the Cauvery basin.

Last week, Karnataka told the Supreme Court that the daily flow of 5,000 cusecs of water to Tamil Nadu was "against [its] interest." The State, especially in urban areas like Bengaluru, was on "the brink of a drinking water crisis" whereas Tamil Nadu was in need of water for irrigation. It also added that the distress in Karnataka had increased in the past 15 days.

How serious is the situation in T.N.?

Being the lower-riparian State in the Cauvery basin, Tamil Nadu is mainly dependent on releases by Karnataka, particularly during the southwest monsoon, as it falls under the rain shadow region in the season. As per the data of the Central Water Commission available up to September 21, the State received 40.76 tmc ft, whereas it should have got 112.11 tmc ft in a normal year. Even after giving allowance for the failure of the monsoon and the quantum of shortfall as quoted by Karnataka, Tamil Nadu contends that it should have got at least 7.8 tmc ft more (as on September 12). It is in need of water for at least three lakh acres over which a short-term crop (*kuruvai*) has been raised. Already, there are reports of the crop being at risk of withering in many places.

However, the State will require, in the coming weeks, much more water for its long-term crop of 125-135 days (*samba*), which is normally raised over 15 lakh acres, providing livelihood opportunities to lakhs of landless labour. A substantial portion of the farming activity under the *samba* crop takes place during the northeast monsoon (October-December), which is much more unpredictable than the southwest.

In addition to serving irrigation, the Cauvery is the main source of drinking water for several districts in the State.

What is the way forward?

It is time that the CWMA along with the constituents finalised a distress-sharing formula. There have been differences over the choice of parameters that determine such a formula.

Making use of the present crisis, the Authority should take the initiative in convincing all the stakeholders in evolving the proposed formula.

THE GIST

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What are the findings of the Parliament panel on NEP?

How effective has been the implementation of the New Education Policy, especially in Jammu and Kashmir? What did the report say about the multiple entry multiple exit programme?

A. M. Jigeesh

The story so far:

The Parliament Standing Committee on Education, headed by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Vivek Thakur, tabled a report during the special session of Parliament on the "Implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 in Higher Education."

What did the report say?

The report looked at the salient features of the NEP's implementation in the higher education sector and the progress made so far. The panel met representatives of various State governments, Union Ministries, higher education institutions and other stakeholders to prepare the report. The report noted that of the 1,043 universities functioning in the country, 70% are under the State Act and that 94% of students are in State or private institutions with just 6% of students in Central higher educational institutions, stressing the importance of States in providing higher education.

What were the issues discussed?

The 31-member panel tried to discuss issues such as the rigid separation of disciplines, limited access to higher education in socio-economically disadvantaged areas, lack of higher education institutes (HEIs) that teach in local languages, the limited number of faculty, lack of institutional autonomy, lesser emphasis on research, ineffective regulatory system and low standards of undergraduate education. The panel said that by 2030, every district in the country should have at least one multidisciplinary HEI and that the Gross Enrolment Ratio in higher education, including vocational education, should be increased from 26.3% in 2018 to 50% by 2035.

What were the recommendations?

The panel asked the Union Government and the State Governments to take actions such as earmarking suitable funds for the education of Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs), setting clear targets for higher Gross Enrolment Ratio for SEDGs, enhancing gender balance in admissions to HEIs, providing more financial assistance and scholarships to SEDGs in both public and private HEIs, making admission processes and curriculum more inclusive, increasing employability potential of higher education programmes and for developing more degree courses taught in regional languages and bilingually. The panel also recommended specific infrastructural steps to help physically challenged students and a strict enforcement of all no-discrimination and anti-harassment rules.

The Committee appreciated the manner in which the NEP was implemented in Jammu and Kashmir. It said that the Union Territory was among the first in the country to implement NEP from the academic session 2022 in all its higher educational institutions. The panel said it witnessed a paradigm shift in the methods of teaching, leading to lifelong learning opportunities to students.

What about funding?

The Committee suggested improving the effectiveness and impact of the Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) in funding HEIs. It asked the HEFA to diversify its funding sources beyond government allocations and explore partnerships with private sector organisations, philanthropic foundations, and international financial institutions. It recommended reviewing and adjusting the interest rates on loans provided by HEFA "to make them more competitive and affordable" for HEIs.

What about the multiple entry multiple exit programme?

The panel said that Indian institutions were likely to face several issues in implementing the multiple entry and multiple exit (MEME) system. The panel said while the MEME looked like a flexible system, which was being operated by Western educational institutions effectively, it might not work well in the country. "If institutions allow MEME, it would be very difficult for the institutions to predict how many students would exit and how many would join midway. Since institutions would not know the in- and out-traffic, it will certainly disturb the pupil-teacher ratio," the report noted.

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Oppn. should not indulge in politics over land, water, and language issues: CM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Under a sharp attack from BJP and Janata Dal (Secular) over the issue of releasing Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday urged the Opposition parties not to indulge in politics over land, water and language issues.

"The State government is committed to protecting the interest of the State's farmers. However, since the matter is in court and Cauvery Water Management Authority, the constitution bound State government has to behave responsibly," he said in a statement. "Why the Opposition parties that are seeking my resignation now did not ask for the same during the all-party meeting?," he wondered.

The Chief Minister said: "There should be no politics in terms of land, water and language issues. It is a tradition in Karnataka to remain united and unanimous on land, water and language issues. The BJP and JD (S) have the responsibility to continue the tradition." He said: "The issue of land, water and language should not be seen through the prism of political parties, but as Kannadigas. This is not the first time that the Cauvery crisis has erupted. It has been going on for decades. It is also clear and a fact that Karnataka received a raw deal in Cauvery water sharing." In the past, all parties have set aside their political differences over Cauvery and have remained united, and that all governments have also followed court's order in the past, he added.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said: "This time, the matter has to be handled sensitively while protecting the State's interest. The government is at it and future decisions will be made after consulting legal experts." Narrating developments in Cauvery Water Management Authority, Cauvery Water Regulation Committee and Supreme Court, he said: "We will approach the authority and express our inability to release 5,000 cusecs daily after September 26." While acknowledging that the State has suffered a set back in the Supreme Court, he argued that it is also not true that government has not placed proper documents before the court and authority. Stating that he understood the plight of farmers, he said: "We will not curb the right to protest. Those who have called for bandh should maintain peace."

Cauvery row: Deve Gowda writes to PM urging Centre to file review plea in SC

Seeks setting up of a neutral five-member expert panel with expertise in the field of integrated reservoir operation studies to check ground reality

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Former Prime Minister and Janata Dal (Secular) supremo H.D. Deve Gowda on Monday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to immediately intervene in the Cauvery river water sharing dispute between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, and urged the Centre to file a review petition in the Supreme Court.

"The Prime Minister should understand the ground realities based on which he should direct the Jal Shakthi Ministry to file a review petition in Supreme Court. The Centre should also set up a five-member expert committee that is neutral and having expertise in the field of integrated reservoir operation studies. The committee should assess the water storage in all reservoirs and crop situation to assess if water release is possible," the former Prime Minister told presspersons here on Monday.

"I had raised the issue of a five-member expert committee in Rajya Sabha and I have made the same demand now. Setting up of a neutral five-member committee to study the ground reality is the only possible interim measure to avoid further escalation of the conflict," he added.

Former Prime Minister and Janata Dal (S) supremo H.D. Deve Gowda and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy addressing a press conference in Bengaluru on Monday. PTI

He said: "I will not speak about the Supreme Court's order. It (current situation) is not the failure of the judicial platforms, but failure of the State government. Did (former Chief Minister and JD (S) leader) H.D. Kumaraswamy go to check ground realities? What has happened to Water Resources Department?"

The veteran leader accused the Congress of not having interest in the Cauvery issue. "Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had once asked me to approach the court for a resolution in Cauvery issue, citing a threat to his government. He feared the unity of Tamils who could bring down the government. Mallikarjun Kharge, S.M. Krishna, K.H. Muniyappa and Veerappa Moily were in Mr. Singh's Cabinet, but none spoke."

Site visits

Meanwhile, in a letter to the Prime Minister, a copy of which was released to the media, Mr. Gowda has said that the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) is taking decisions based entirely on the data supplied by the party states and their oral arguments, without making any site visits to assess the prevailing ground condition. The authority should be directed to visit the designated reservoirs in Cauvery basin once in 15 days to assess ground realities, he added. "The authority is required to make a study for operation of all identified/ designated reservoirs in Cauvery basin in an integrated manner, but no such studies appear to have been made either by CWMA or CWRC," Mr. Gowda said.

He added that the five-member neutral committee of experts could also be asked to devise a suitable distress formula taking into considerations such as deficient in rainfall, inflows, reservoir levels, storage positions, crop water requirement, drinking water requirements, different monsoons in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu and mandatory discharges among others.

CM welcomes HDD's letter to Prime Minister

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Welcoming the letter of former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda, seeking intervention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday said that the Prime Minister's intervention is the best solution to the Cauvery water sharing problem currently.

"I hope that Mr. Modi will convene a meeting based on Mr. Gowda's request. The BJP leaders should get inspired from Mr. Gowda and bring pressure on the Prime Minister for his intervention and find an appointment for an all-party delegation meeting." He also hoped that BJP will follow the JD(S) in fighting for land, water and language issues.

INBRIEF

'Set up setting up task force to clear encroachments'

Forest and Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre has asked the Additional Chief Secretary to Forest, Environment and Ecology Department to constitute a State-level task force to look into encroachments of forest land. Additionally, he has also called for setting up another task force for Bengaluru Urban district, which is witnessing huge encroachment of forest lands. In his letter to the Additional Chief Secretary, Mr. Khandre said the task force should be led by top ranking officer of the Forest Department and comprise representatives from the Departments of Revenue, Home, Urban Development, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj as well as subject experts.

6,684 complaints received at Janata Darshan in 29 districts

The first-ever extension of Janata Darshan to districts that was held on Monday has received a good response attracting 6,684 complaints and grievances, of which 21 were resolved on the spot in 29 districts. The programme could not be held at Gadag and Belagavi. A note said that remaining 6,663 applications have been registered and forwarded to departments concerned. The highest number of complaints of 2,100 pertained to Revenue department and Haveri district with 771 complaints received the highest complaints. Verbal complaints have also been received, a note from the Chief Minister's Office said. The Janata Darshan will be held at Gadag and Belagavi on Tuesday.

KSRTC and BMTC win awards

The KSRTC bagged nine awards and BMTC four awards during the 17th global communication conclave and award felicitation function organised by the Public Relations Council of India in New Delhi on September 22. The awards include customer friendly company of the year diamond award and best innovative service of the year for KSRTC; corporate brochure diamond award and best use of technology in customer service - gold award for BMTC. KSRTC divisional controllers Himavardhana Naidu Alluri, Chikkaballapura division, V. Basavaraju, Kolar division, S. Laxman, Bangalore Central division, and S.P. Nagaraja, Mandya division, received the awards on behalf of KSRTC.

Suspended IPS officer Amrit Paul gets bail in PSI recruitment scam case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Monday granted bail to suspended senior IPS officer Amrit Paul in the police sub-inspector (PSI) recruitment scam case and directed him not to intimidate or influence the investigating officers, who are all his subordinates in the Police Department.

Amrit Paul

Justice Mohammad Nawaz passed the order while allowing the petition filed by Mr. Paul, who was arrested in July 2022 for his alleged role in the scam when he was serving as the Additional Director-General of Police (Recruitments).

While directing Mr. Paul to execute a personal bond for ₹5 lakh and two sureties for the like sum, the court also directed him not to leave the country without prior permission from the trial court and not to induce or tamper with directly or indirectly any prosecution witnesses in the case.

Also, the court directed him to cooperate in further investigation, if any, and attend the trial on all dates of hearing. He can be exempted from attending proceedings only on the permission of the trial court.

When the advocate of the prosecution pointed out that Mr. Paul is a senior IPS officer and all the investigating officers in the scam are his juniors and they need protection from the court from being intimidated by him on his release from prison, the court directed that Mr. Paul should not indulge in intimidating or influencing the investigating officers.

Four held for putting up saffron flag on masjid

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The Bidar police on Sunday arrested four youth for putting up the Bhagwa Dhwaja (saffron flag) on a masjid at Dhannur (K) village in Basavakalyan taluk of Bidar district.

Sources in the Police Department said the accused are Viresh Surya, 20, Kalyani Surya, 20, Sushil Biradar, 19, and Abhishek, 19, all residents of the same village.

The police said that the accused, on September 20, removed the saffron flag from the Hanuman temple in the village and tied it on the masjid. Following a complaint by Chandsab Ali, a representative of the masjid, a case was registered the next day.

"The accused admitted to the crime of disturbing peace in the village. Soon after receiving the complaint, we held a peace meeting. The accused were produced before the court which, in turn, sent them to judicial custody," Bidar Superintendent of Police Chennabasavanna S.L. told *The Hindu*.

Decision on cloud seeding in two or three days: DKS

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A decision on cloud seeding would be taken by the State government in the next two to three days, said Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Monday.

Speaking to presspersons here, he said that two days of rainfall in and around Bengaluru had improved the situation. "It is also believed that cloud seeding would further improve the situation. We will discuss the Cauvery water sharing issue and cloud seeding in the State Cabinet," he added. Incidentally, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had not shown enthusiasm for cloud seeding earlier.

Meanwhile, he said that he would discuss the issue of taking the disgruntled leaders from BJP and Janata Dal (Secular), who are opposed to the alliance between them, to the Congress fold with the Chief Minister and other Cabinet colleagues. He said: "Several leaders in both BJP and JD(S) are wishing to join Congress. Instructions to take workers from those parties have been given. We are also careful about anti-defection law."

D.K. Shivakumar

Mr. Shivakumar also said that the party will receive two or three names of potential party candidates from each of the 28 Lok Sabha constituencies in the State from the observers within the next 10 days. "First list of names will be announced by January," he added.

Monument conservation programme launched

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday inaugurated "Our Monument: Our Heritage, Our Identity, Our Pride" campaign, organised by the Tourism and Archaeology, Museums and Heritage Department to attract private sector towards conservation of monuments and develop them into tourism sites.

280 identified

Of the more than 800 protected monuments in the State, 280 monuments have been identified for the project.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah with Tourism Minister H.K. Patil at the inauguration of 'Our Monument: Our Heritage, Our Identity, Our Pride' campaign in Bengaluru on Monday. ANI

The Chief Minister said that the cultural pride of the country and economy will get a boost if tourism grows.

"If the public joins hands with the government to protect the monuments, our history and heritage can be passed on to the next generation. The concern behind Shakti (free bus travel for women) is that even the poor should be allowed to travel to spiritual and eco tourism centres and temples. About 60 lakh women have benefitted from the scheme. There is a substantial opportunity for tourism development in the State," he said.

Stating that Shakti was not initiated only because of elections, he said: "The economy is gaining momentum and jobs are being created."

58th convocation of BU

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The 58th annual convocation of Bangalore University will be held on September 29 in Jnanajyothi Auditorium, Central College premises, at 11 a.m.

According to a release, Nikhil Kamath, co-founder, Zerodha, Bengaluru, will be the chief guest and deliver the convocation address.

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, who is also the Chancellor of Bangalore University, will preside over.

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ABSTRACT

Diverse people: Tiwa tribesmen perform their traditional dance as they take part in the Wanchuwa festival in Bormarjong village in the Karbi Anglong district of Assam. FILE PHOTO

Why the Northeast cannot be treated as a 'single homogenous' territory

The States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura are home to numerous ethnic communities who have migrated from 'all points of the compass' and their heterogeneity and differing experiences must be highlighted

Sudipta Datta

Identity and Marginality in Northeast India: Challenges for Social Sciences Research, Edited by Hoineilhing Sitlhou (Orient BlackSwan), 2023

The Northeast region, comprising the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura, is home to numerous ethnic communities who have migrated from "all points of the compass," with the majority of them belonging to the Indo-Chinese Mongoloid racial grouping. In her Introduction to *Identity and Marginality in Northeast India*, Hoineilhing Sitlhou writes that the tendency of conceptualising the region as a single homogenous territory is problematic.

Not a single entity

Such a construction determines how the region was governed by British colonisers earlier and the Indian state now, by construing the idea of a shared identity among people from various parts of the region. The Northeast, considered a marginal geographical space, says Sitlhou, is as diverse as India itself in terms of linguistic, cultural and ethnic representation. The recurrent theme of the volume she has edited – a result of a seminar, 'Identity and Marginality in Northeast India: Challenges for Social Sciences Research', in 2017, organised by the Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad – is that the region cannot be portrayed merely as a homogenous category. There is need to highlight the elements of heterogeneity of the different groups and their experiences, contestations and conflicts.

Social realities

She says to take into account social realities of the region, it is necessary to discuss issues like indigeneity, policy, economy, migration land rights, insurgency, militarisation, state violence and laws like AFSPA (Armed Forces Special Powers Act), reservation and so on. If people from the Northeast as migrant citizens experience marginality – and sometimes violence – in cities like Delhi, Hyderabad, Mumbai and Bengaluru, there is discrimination against outsiders living in northeast India as well, she writes.

With the aim to understand the underlying dynamics of the region, the book is divided into six main sections: Politics of Difference and the Articulation of Identities; Colonialism and Northeast India; Race, Ethnicity and Migration; Negotiating Gender, Culture and Identity; Indigeneity, Land and Identity; and Borders, States and Markets.

Sitlhou and Salah Punathil's chapter, 'Northeastern Migrants in Delhi: Racial Discrimination, Violence and State Response', explores the prejudice and hostility that northeasterners have experienced in the national capital in the recent past. The Bezbaruah Committee which was set up in 2014 to look into the various concerns of citizens hailing from the northeastern States living in various parts of the country had recommended reaching out to people from the Northeast via social media, and a special helpline (1093) was synchronised with the helpline number 100. Asked whether these were useful and if these had solved problems faced by Northeast migrants, 68.4% of respondents gave credit to the efforts made by the government, and only a few (12.6%) were sceptical about these provisions. A member of the Bezbaruah Committee, Alana Golmei, however said the results are far from satisfactory: "We are asking for the special helpline number to be made a national helpline instead of it being operational in Delhi alone...."

A 25-year-old research student from Jawaharlal Nehru University said education is the answer to the problems faced by people from northeast India. "Knowing the history of Northeast India, and to be more precise, [the fact that] Northeast is in India, will really help in connecting people from different regions as citizens of one nation."

Women in conflict regions

If we take a closer look at the region itself, several States, including Manipur, Nagaland and Assam, have seen waves of violence over ethnic issues, land, identity and so forth. In the 1990s, conflict between two ethnic communities, the Kukis and Nagas, led to massive displacement, and Ruth Nengneilhing, in her paper, 'Women in Conflict Situations: Experiences of Marginalisation of Displaced Kuki Women in Manipur', looks at the consequences of such disturbances on health, food, livelihood and economic security, and the long road to rehabilitation.

In her study, she found that there were cases where a woman headed the household after being displaced and shouldered the entire responsibility of supporting the family. Women often became the primary breadwinners in their families due to forced displacement, and/or death of their husbands or other male members of the family.

Nengneilhing's study focuses on the Kukis, one of the three major ethnic groups in Manipur, the other two being the Meiteis and the Nagas. During the conflict, displacement happened among the Nagas too. With agriculture being the basic means of livelihood, land is a highly valued entity. The conflict led to the alienation of land from both the parties, and especially from the displaced population. There was a noticeable shift in the nature of occupation before and after the conflict, she notes. In the sample group from Chavangphai, which was inhabited by a fully displaced population, the majority worked as manual contractual labourers, while a few were skilled in handicrafts.

The women faced persisting health issues like malnutrition, post-traumatic stress or other injuries. The risk of contracting communicable diseases also increased due to widespread poverty, congested living conditions, lack of awareness and the absence of adequate healthcare services – these are issues which women are facing in the present conflict in Manipur as well.

In the Foreword, Purendra Prasad discusses the process of marginalisation within marginalised groups. For instance, tribal bodies of Nagaland, which elected its first two women MLAs this year, are opposing 33% reservation for women which they claim will infringe on Naga customary laws protected by the Constitution.

Similarly, even though "popular narratives glorify the status of women in Manipur and the matriarchal structure in Khasi society, in actuality, the system is only matrilineal with the power resting with maternal male members, and thus inherently patriarchal like any other society."

THE DAILY QUIZ

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A quiz on the evergreen romantic hero Dev Anand to celebrate the cinema icon's 100th birthday on September 26

V. V. Ramanan

QUESTION 1
After starting his career as a clerk, in which 1946 film did Dev Anand make his acting debut?

QUESTION 2
Name the production house started in 1949 by Dev Anand and his elder brother Chetan Anand.

QUESTION 3
Dev Anand made a pact with his friend and fellow actor that he would give a break to the latter as a director, and also act when he got into production. Name the legend and the film.

QUESTION 4
Which of Dev Anand's flicks were adapted from A.J. Cronin's *The Citadel* and *Beyond This Place*?

QUESTION 5
He called her 'Nosey' and she dubbed him 'Gregory Peck'. Apart from acting in eight films together, the two had a romantic relationship. Name the singing star who was the highest-paid actress of her time.

QUESTION 6
Which legendary singer, who has crooned memorable numbers for Dev Anand, had his first Hindi solo in the star's *Ziddi* (1948)?

QUESTION 7
If *Chargesheet* was his last film as a director, what was his first that had Waheeda Rahman as the heroine?

QUESTION 8
Name the political party that Dev Anand launched in the 1970s.

Visual question:
Name the Nobel Laureate, who co-produced and wrote the screenplay for the English version of his hit film *Guide*, seen with Dev Anand. THE HINDU ARCHIVES

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This newspaper closed down after 168 years in print due to a "phone hacking scandal". **Ans: News of the World**
2. This company in April 2023 sued Fox News for $787.5 million for issuing false statements about this issue. **Ans: Dominion Voting Systems; The 2020 Presidential elections and voting issues**
3. This executive in Fox News is credited with increasing the network's popularity by following an unabashed right wing agenda. **Ans: Roger Ailes**
4. This novel by British author Jeffrey Archer chronicles the lives of two media barons. **Ans: *The Fourth Estate***
5. The term, used mostly in the U.S., to describe journalism which indulged in sensationalism, gossip, lewdness and even plain false news. **Ans: Yellow Journalism**
Visual: Name this comedian and his show. **Ans: Stephen Colbert. The Colbert Report**
Early Birds: Rashi Rahul| Anushka Somavanshi| Gunjan Joshi| M. Suresh Kumar

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Sir, Mr. Isac Mathaw, Kunjirathinkal, AIleppey, wants to know whether one of the meanings of 'oversee' is 'fail to see'."

" 'Oversee' has only one meaning. It means 'to watch over and control something'.

He is overseeing the work.

We haven't appointed anyone to oversee the work.

'To oversee' is 'to supervise'. A person who oversees is an overseer.

John is a strict overseer.

'Oversight' has two meanings. One is 'unintentional failure to notice something'.

Owing to oversight, some other letter was sent to you.

A wrong entry was made in the book by oversight.

'Oversight' is also used occasionally to mean 'watchfulness', 'supervision'.

He is charged with the oversight of the workers under him.

The word is used in this sense only in formal English and that too rarely."

"Sir, how is the word 'overlook' used?"

"It is a good question. It has two meanings. One is 'have or give a view of a place from above'.

Our house overlooks the playground.

It also means 'fail to see or notice something', 'disregard', 'allow (offence) to go unpunished'.

His claims for promotion were overlooked.

He is a nice person. He generally overlooks the faults of others.

Occasionally, 'overlook' is used in the sense of 'superintend', 'oversee'."

"Sir, Mr. K. Ram Narayan, Aswini Dutt Road, Calcutta, wants to know what is meant by 'without prejudice (to something)'."

"It means 'without harm to one's own right or claim in law'.

We accept this without prejudice to our claim for a final settlement at a later date."

"Sir, Mr. A. Ramachandran, 25 Cross Street, Besant Nagar, Madras, wants to know the meaning of the idiom, 'He needs a long spoon who sups with the devil'."

"By using a long spoon, you keep yourself at a safe distance. You can escape in case of trouble. So the idiom means that you must be extremely careful when you associate with a person of doubtful character. Another version of the idiom is 'You need a long spoon to eat with the devil'."

"Sir, which is correct? 'He is an Englishman', 'He is English'."

"Both are correct. You use the indefinite article when you classify people in terms of the work they do, where they come from, etc.

He is an Englishman.

She is an Indian.

He is a teacher.

She is a Christian.

You don't use the article with the plurals.

They are Englishmen.

They are teachers.

They are Christians.

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Word of the day

Cantankerous:
stubbornly obstructive and unwilling to cooperate; having a difficult and contrary disposition

Synonyms: ornery, crotchety

Usage: *My grandfather can be very cantankerous at times.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/cantankerouspro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /kænˈtæŋkərəs/, /kənˈtæŋkərəs/

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How AI can transform your food

'Collective data on various aspects of food allows us to understand this complexity by asking the simplest of questions, in an objective fashion,' says Ganesh Bagler

Preeti Zachariah
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Ganesh Bagler agrees that food is a complex entity, a product of 'history, evolution, geo-climatic factors, religion, and other accidental factors, including colonial rule'.

Dr. Ganesh Bagler admits to never having been a foodie. "I come from a zone where historically famines have been the order of the day," says Dr. Bagler who grew up in Solapur, Maharashtra. "You couldn't be choosy about food. You ate what was on your plate, and be grateful for having food. That was the ethos inculcated in me," says the New Delhi-based professor, who was in Bengaluru last week to deliver several lectures on his brainchild, Computational Gastronomy, an emerging data science that blends food and computing.

Over time, however–no doubt prompted by his deep research into this novel subject over the last 8-odd years–he has developed a deeper understanding of food and recipes. "It has been a heck of an exhilarating journey," says Dr. Bagler, the director of the I-IIT Delhi's (Infosys Centre for Artificial Intelligence, IIT-Delhi) Complex Systems Lab, defined on its website as "the ground zero of computational gastronomy" and a place involved in "transforming food with artificial intelligence."

What is computational gastronomy?

So, what exactly is computational gastronomy? The simple technical definition goes like this. "Computation Gastronomy is a data science that blends food with computing to provide data-driven food innovations," says Dr. Bagler, adding that this science looks at all aspects of food through the lens of data and computing.

But how does one funnel a multifaceted phenomenon like food into prosaic data sets? While we can all universally agree that learning how to cook and cultivate food has had a significant evolutionary effect on the human species as a whole, why we eat what we eat is a function of multiple, often intersecting, factors. Think traditions, culture, invasion, ancestry, availability, preference, health requirements, migration, war, etc.

Ganesh Bagler

Dr. Bagler agrees that food is a complex entity, a product of "history, evolution, geo-climatic factors, religion and other accidental factors including colonial rule, all of which played a role," he says, adding that it is difficult to comprehend why we eat what we eat today. "However, collective data on various aspects of food allows us to understand this complexity by asking the simplest of questions, in an objective fashion," he believes.

'Spices are the molecular fulcrum of Indian cuisine,' says Ganesh Bagler.

Food pairing and more

Take, for instance, the science around food pairing, a theory first presented by Michelin-starred chef Heston Blumenthal together with the flavour expert François Benzi. According to their hypothesis, "the more aromatic compounds two foods have in common, the better they pair together," they claimed, adding that the flavour of a food was determined by volatile aromatic compounds rather than mouthfeel and taste. Caviar, for instance, pairs beautifully with white chocolate as does dark chocolate with blue cheese, strawberry with coriander, snails with beetroot and so on, as Blumenthal discovered.

"That was a proposition we tested out in our lab," says Dr. Bagler, adding that this theory was broadly true. But there were also cultural idiosyncrasies, which did not follow this simple, rudimentary law of food pairing, he says.

Indian cuisine, for instance, as Dr. Bagler and his team discovered using data sets, contains negative food pairings--dissimilarly-flavoured food ingredients–which are bound together by spices. "Spices are the molecular fulcrum of Indian cuisine," he says, pointing out that if one vegetable is swapped with another in an Indian recipe, it only changes marginally. However, if one spice was replaced with another–a clove with cardamom or cinnamon–the change is more dramatic. "The unique placement of spices is very important in Indian cuisine," he says, adding that though this was something chefs had always known about, the researchers had approached it from a data-driven rather than culinary perspective. "This was an objective, statistical way to show the relevance of spices," he says of the finding that jettisoned him into the complex world of computational gastronomy.

Data and more

It started with a discussion with his students around flavour networks, while Dr. Bagler was teaching network science at IIT Jodhpur. They were looking at a 2013 paper by Yong-Yeol Ahn and Sebastian Ahnert, which sought to "investigate regional variations in culinary culture by constructing a flavor network of food ingredients, based on shared flavor compounds, and comparing this network to recipe data," as the abstract of the paper points out, and decided to "extend that work into Indian cuisine," says Dr. Bagler, who is trained in physics, computer science, and computational biology.

Dr. Bagler and his team started by creating a data base of Indian recipes, culled from renowned Indian cookbook author Tarla Dalal's website, going on to break down each recipe into ingredients and then analysing if the ingredients in a particular dish share flavour component, the findings of which were published in 2015 in a paper titled *Spices form the basis of food pairing in Indian cuisine*. The positive reaction that this drew from the world had him continuing his research in the same. "I didn't come from a culinary connoisseur's perspective," he admits. "But I realised that I had arrived at something deep and insightful," says Dr. Bagler, who firmly believes that this new science offers immense societal value.

Use and misuse

So far Dr. Bagler's lab has come up with a number of resources, including RecipeDB, a structured repository of recipes from around the globe, FlavorDB, a repository of flavour molecules found in food ingredients, DietRx which explores the health impact of dietary ingredients and Ratatouille, an app that helps generate novel new recipes using AI. All these resources are available for exploration for non-commercial purposes right now, while a start-up with a commercial model is being launched soon.

And what if a technology such as this one is misused by the processed food industry, which has been manipulating and overstimulating our taste buds for decades, catalysing an epidemic of obesity, diabetes and cardiac disorders among other things?

"Yes, fears are often expressed that this can be misused," agrees Dr. Bagler. In his opinion, however, if an ethical food processing industry is given a choice between creating a product that is both enticing and nutritious and one that tastes good, without offering positive effects, and both are accepted by the customer, it is likely that the former will be chosen. "Understanding food, recipes and food products, traditional recipes from the lens of flavours, odours, and nutritional profiles will allow us to come up with potential food products, which are both nutritionally balanced and palatable."

To know more about computational gastronomy log into https://cosylab.iiitd.edu.in/

Experts suggest level three trauma care centres to be a must in every city

Karnataka Minister for Health and Family Welfare, emphasises the importance of the golden hour in cases of medical emergency

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Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said that the importance of emergency medicine became more wellknown and acute during COVID-19 years, and medical students must pay more attention to it.

Vydehi Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre, Whitefield, hosted the third Annual State-Level Emergency Medicine (EM) Conference - EM-Karnataka 2023 from September 21 to 24. The theme of the conference was RACE (Research, Advances, Critical thinking and Education). The conference included two days of pre-conference workshops, multiple thematic scientific sessions by eminent speakers, panel discussion, and various competitions which were very engaging.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by Dinesh Gundu Rao, Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Karnataka, and Dr. Kantha S, Former First Vice Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences. Chairperson of Vydehi Group of Institutions Mrs. Kalpaja D A and Dr. Mahesh Kottapalli, adviser, VIMS and RC, were also present.

Speaking at the event, the Karnataka Minister for health and family welfare, emphasized the importance of the golden hour in cases of medical emergency, to help save precious lives in the nick of time. "EM is an emerging field and Karnataka is a pioneer and trail-blazer" he added.

Mr. Rao said that the importance of emergency medicine became more well-known and acute during COVID-19 years, and medical students must pay more attention to it. "The very thrust of medical science is emergency medicine where patients are caught in a life-or-death battle. We came to understand during the brutal waves of COVID-19. All government medical colleges already have emergency wings. The need of the hour is to improve quality and effectively train medical professionals in this regard," he said.

The EM-Karnataka 2023 is the third annual state-level emergency medicine conference. Mrs. Kalpaja DA, threw light on the emerging trends in EM and how hospitals and medical institutions should take this up on priority as it helps in acting as lifesaver. "Emergency medicine is a medical specialty that equips doctors with the knowledge and skills required to care for people with life-threatening or urgent healthcare needs. There should be a target-driven awareness drive about emergency medicine among the people. COVID-19 brought the whole world face to face with emergency treatment during those tough times. All hospitals must understand the importance of such exercises" Mrs. Kalpaja added.

Dr. Kottapalli, said extensive deliberations were held at the conference on EM fundamentals, peripheral nerve block, simulation in airway and mechanical ventilation and resuscitology, primary and emerging areas of interest to any medical institution. "I feel that each city must have at least level three trauma care centres as more and more people are treated in EM units. Survival chances of a patient starts dimming if a patient is taken to a nursing home instead of an emergency-care unit in acute situations. Hence, the curriculum, too, should be designed to teach this as a priority", he said. The event saw more than 10 scientific sessions with domain experts weighing in on core subjects with their insight and experience. The conference was attended by more than 250 emergency physicians and residents from all over the country.

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Unit in Bangalore to Make Vaccine for Cattle Disease

New Delhi, Sept. 24: An agreement for setting up a centre at Bangalore to produce a vaccine against foot and mouth disease in cattle was signed here to-day between India and Denmark.

Denmark will provide Rs. 1 crore for equipment and an expert for setting up the centre. The Government of India's contribution for the current financial year will be Rs. 80 lakhs. The Mysore Government has provided the land and building for the centre which is expected to start production by the middle of 1974.

Mysore Varsities Bill Criticised

Hubli, Sept. 24: Mr. K.S. Hegde, former Supreme Court judge described the Mysore Universities Bill as perverse and pernicious inaugurating a seminar on the Bill held under the auspices of the Hubli Students' Union here last evening. Mr. Hegde stated that the Bill was in tune with the idea of the ruling party to concentrate in its hands as much power as possible. Mr. Hegde took exception to the sweeping powers given to the pro-chancellor (Education Minister) and stated that under the Bill, the Vice Chancellor became a non-entity and nobody with any self-respect would accept the job."

Earlier, student representatives and others expressed their opposition to the Bill. Mr. Patil Putappa, MP, and Y.S. Patil, MLC were among those who spoke.

(The edition dated September 26 is not available.)

Westlife to perform in India for the first time this year

Westlife's Shane Filan talks about the band's first-ever live concerts in India, a part of their ongoing The Wild Dreams world tour, and how fans can expect to hear the Irish band's hits

Purnima Sah

Bengalureans will soon be flying without wings. Popular Irish music band-, Westlife, is all set for an India tour, which starts with Mumbai, followed by Bengaluru and Delhi, during which they promise to perform all the songs that we grew up listening to.

In an interview with *The Hindu*, Shane Filan, one of the two lead singers of the pop group shares that it is the band's first visit to India for a concert tour.

"We have always told our promoters that we really want to go to India but sometimes things take a little longer to happen. We are excited that we are coming to India with not one, but three shows in three different cities," says Shane.

He has been to Mumbai earlier, in 2013, for the launch of his solo album *Everything to me*. "When I came alone in 2013, I stayed for a few days. But before that, we four had come to Goa in December 2003, around Christmas. We shot the video of our song 'Obvious' on a Goan beach; it was really cool," recalls Shane, adding, "However, the best feeling about being in a country is playing a concert, sing live for fans, be with them and create memories together."

The global best-selling band – with Shane Filan, Mark Feehily, Kian Egan, and Nicky Byrne – will perform live at three concerts brought to India by BookMyShow Live.

Fast filling

The tickets are selling fast in India. "Seeing the excitement among fans to watch us live and . learning about their reaction online is encouraging. It is also great to know that our songs have been successful in the country for a long time," says Shane.

He also shares that this concert will bring all the 25 years of Westlife hits. "There is going to be a lot of memories at every show we perform," Shane says with a smile.

Westlife fans can expect to hear 'Swear It Again', 'If I Let You Go', 'Uptown Girl', 'Flying Without Wings', 'You Raise Me Up', 'I Have A Dream', 'When You're Looking Like That', along with fresh pop numbers from their album *Wild Dreams*.

"Every night we go on stage and perform all these songs, we feel extremely blessed as a band. What is amazing is that people are still so fond of our old numbers that we don't get to sing our new generation Westlife songs," says Shane.

Talking about the title of the album *Wild Dreams,* Shane says that the album was made during the COVID-19 pandemic when everyone around the world was going through a hard time.

"It was like we all were living in a wild dream, a nightmare we all wanted to wake up from. So with that song, 'Wild Dreams', came the idea of the title for the album. It was a wild dream for everybody making this album too. Of the 12 songs, we will perform one song, 'Starlight' from the album in every concert."

This will be a landmark tour for another reason too. "We are going to cross 100 shows this time. We have just announced shows across North America that we have never done before, just like this India tour. Our 2001 tour, Where Dreams Come True, had 82 dates. So this is a big celebration for us as a band as we are trying to reach every part of the world. It feels like we are getting bigger, expanding and getting to see smiles on our fans' faces. It makes us feel we are loved," says Shane.

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>
> **SHANE FILAN**
> lead singer, Westlife

Anthem love

And yes, you will hear 'Nothing's Gonna Change My Love For You' at this concert. Shane asks me whether this song is big in India, and when I immediately say yes, he is visibly delighted.

"Nicky loves this song and he will be very happy to know this. Even in our recent performance in China it was huge. The song holds many memories for people who were probably teenagers when it came out," says Shane.

The band, which was formed in 1998, split in 2004, reunited, then disbanded in 2012 and finally regrouped in 2018. Discussing the tough times, Shane says that as a band they spent about 11 to 12 hours a day together, which meant they did not really get to live their lives as people outside the band.

"We wanted to focus on our personal lives a little bit those years but we genuinely missed each other and what we did together as a band." Besides, he says, the more they were away, the more their fans missed them.

"When we have something really big and it is gone, people want it more; it took us a long time to realise that. All of us felt the same way and ever since we came back in 2018, we faced many challenges together, such as the pandemic phase, that made us appreciate life a lot more... Life is so special that nobody should take it for granted and we definitely cannot take Westlife for granted."

Westlife will perform in Mumbai on November 24 at the Members Enclosure, Mahalaxmi Racecourse; Bengaluru on November 25 at Embassy International Riding School Ground and New Delhi on November 26 at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. Tickets priced ₹ 3,500 to ₹ 12,500 at bookmyshow.com.

CITYBEATS

Furry fun run

SEPTEMBER 30, 6.30AM
Shriram Properties and The Bengaluru Marathon will conduct a 5K run. Called 'Tails & Trails - a woof-friendly run', it allows you to run along with your furry friends.
At Shriram Pristine Estates in Doddaballapura Main Road. To register visit https://forms.gle/pYmUJRuhuhVo9C9i6

Asia in every sip

ONGOING
Khmer Kitchen, a restaurant that serves Cambodian cuisine has launched its all-new cocktail menu, featuring 20 drinks. These are said to be inspired by Asian flavours and have been curated by Balakrishnan in association with sous chef Augustine Lepcha.
At Khmer Kitchen, JP Nagar

Off to a great start-er

ONGOING
Platform 65, the train-themed restaurant, has launched its Starter's Festival. There will be an array of over 200 appetizers, showcasing flavours from across the globe. *Allam kodi* wings, *kaju* mushroom fry and Godavari *royyala vepudu* are some of the restaurant's signature dishes that will be served.
At Platform 65, Bannerghatta Main Road

Trevor Noah comes to town

Mr Funnybones Stand-up comic and talk show host Trevor Noah. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Bengaluru, for the first time, is set to experience Trevor Noah as the renowned South African comedian and host of *The Daily Show*, brings his Off The Record Tour to the city. Indian fans, who have enjoyed Trevor's hilarious performances on video streaming platforms, have the chance to witness him live.

Trevor will be performing at various venues in India as part of his tour, with the Bengaluru leg scheduled to take place at the Manpho Convention Centre on September 27 and 28.

The Indian leg of the tour kicks off at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Delhi-NCR from September 22 to 24, making its way to Bengaluru before concluding at the NSCI Dome in Mumbai on September 30 and October 1. This tour marks his first-ever appearance in India.

The Off The Record Tour has been a massive hit with sold-out shows in the USA and Europe over the past year. Now, it is set to sweep across Asia, starting with the Indian subcontinent before heading to Dubai. Expressing his excitement about performing in India for the first time, Trevor said, "After a lifetime of loving India's culture, I'm so excited to finally have the privilege of bringing my current stand-up comedy tour to one of the most exciting cities in the world."

The Off the Record Tour will be Trevor Noah's first ever appearance in India

During his tenure as the host of the Emmy Award-winning *The Daily Show*, he gained a dedicated fan base.

He has also written, produced, and starred in 12 comedy specials, including the recent Netflix special *I Wish You Would*, where he shared his experiences of learning to speak German, modern communication, and his love for curry.

The 'Off The Record Tour' began in Atlanta on January 20 and will now delight audiences across India, Asia, and the USA.

For more information, visit bookmyshow.com.

Flower speak

Ruth Dhanaraj

Floral symphony is an invitation to celebrate Nature's canvas and acknowledge the significance of flowers in our ecosystem, says Bengaluru-based Shan Re.

The artist's works are on display along with those by her daughter, Romicon Revola which also follow a flowery theme. "I have titled my series Nocturnal Blooms and it is open to interpretation," says Shan, adding, "This means that I have created a title that allows for a rich and diverse range of interpretations which can enhance the engagement of my audience."

According to Shan, the series itself has multiple perspectives. "It can be a metaphor for personal growth or a symbolic representation of flowers blooming in the face of an ecological crisis or as a symbol of resilience and timelessness."

Perhaps an interesting facet of this exhibition is Shan's use of her fingers to create the 50 canvases in this series. "For this particular series, I haven't used tools such as paint brushes or a palette knife, just my fingers. This technique was an accidental invention," she admits, adding, "It was a liberating experience for me as I feel energy flows with the freedom of spontaneity. I felt connected to my inner self by breaking free from convention and embracing my artistical intuition without any inhibition. This was a deeply enriching experience."

Planet watch Romicon Revola (above), Shan Re and their art. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Shan says the series comprises works of different sizes, all of which were executed this year using acrylic on canvas. "I find my inspiration in the symphony of life that surrounds me; creativity is what excites me more than anything else. Colour is the vital force and a symbolic language through which I create powerful narratives."

Shan's daughter, Romicon Revola, is also displaying a few of her works at Floral Symphony. "I am primarily a sculptor working with outdoor sculptures and large scale installations. For this show however, I am displaying smaller pieces from my series titled Trilokini and Maya. They are two female characters that I've created, which talk about environmental consciousness – you could call them my own earth deities," says Romicon.

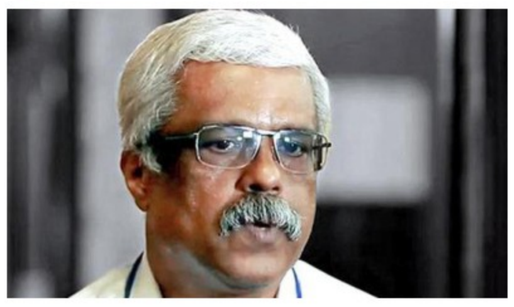
She goes on to elaborate on one of her works. "Trilokini is a female bust with butterflies emerging from it. While it is open to interpretation, from my perspective, it is a personification of the Earth. Each Trilokini in the series has a different character even though the shape and form appear similar. This is an ongoing series and I've been creating Trilokini characters since 2018."

"The butterfly entered my artistic vocabulary around 2017," says the sculptor, talking about the recurring motif in her work. "Cubbon Park has a programme of giving the trunks of fallen trees to artists to create something meaningful. It was India's 70th Independence Day and I sculpted a caterpillar from a silver oak trunk, which had 70 steel butterflies emerging out of it. That was the first time that in my body of work that I had used the butterfly form."

"I became interested in exploring that further and eventually realised it's a very powerful symbol not only spiritually or philosophically, but also in terms of sustainability. Butterflies are sensitive creatures and environmentalists study them as bio indicators of environmental health."

Floral Symphony: A Celebration of Nature's Canvas by Shan Re and Romicon Revola is on display at Gallery G till September 30.

INBRIEF



LIFE Mission case: SC extends M. Sivasankar's interim bail

The Supreme Court on Monday allowed a two-month extension of the interim bail granted to M. Sivasankar, former principal secretary to the Kerala Chief Minister, who is facing money laundering charges in a corruption case linked to the State-powered LIFE Mission housing project for the homeless.

SC refuses Naidu's unlisted oral plea

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court refused on Monday to unflex its rules to entertain an unlisted oral plea on behalf of former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu to urgently hear his appeal for quashing the FIRs registered in the skill development case.

Appearing before a Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, senior advocate Siddharth Luthra, for Mr. Naidu, pressed the need for urgency, saying the "Opposition in the State has been curbed with Mr. Naidu's custody".

Indicating that there was no immediate urgency, the CJI asked Mr. Luthra to mention on September 26 after including the case on Tuesday's mentioning list.

The CJI asked Mr. Luthra to take a slot in the September 26 list for mentioning cases for urgent hearing.

The special leave petition, filed through Mr. Naidu's lawyer, advocate Guntur Pramod Kumar, said the FIRs were "an orchestrated campaign of regime revenge to derail the largest Opposition in the State".

"The petitioner [Mr. Naidu] was suddenly named in the FIR registered 21 months ago, arrested in an illegal manner and deprived of his liberty, motivated only by political reasons. Even though there is no material against him, the petitioner is being made to suffer an illegal and motivated investigation in clear violation of his fundamental rights," the special leave petition said.

More women *Odhuvars* in Saivite temples in Tamil Nadu

On Monday, HR&CE Minister P.K. Sekarbabu handed over appointment orders to 15 Odhuvars

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The five women who have been appointed as *Odhuvars* in Chennai on Monday. M. SRINATH

These women come from varied backgrounds but have a single goal - to work as *Odhuvars* in Saivite temples and to be in the service of the deities by singing their praise through the *pathigams*.

The women - C. Sivaranjani, M. Gomathi, Charumathi Keeran, M. Dharani, and Bhargavi Kamalakkannan - said they did not expect to be recruited for the job despite having trained in the *Thirumurai* and music.

Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) P.K. Sekarbabu on Monday handed over appointment orders to 15 *Odhuvars*, of which five were women and have been appointed to temples in the Chennai region.

"In the last 28 months, 10 women *Odhuvars* have been appointed in various temples, and it has been made possible due to Chief Minister M. K. Stalin giving a free hand to the department to function. *Odhuvars* are a must in Saivite temples. They have to sing from the *Thirumurai* during each puja and also during special functions and festivals. I am happy to see women who have trained specially to be in the service of the deities," he said, adding that of the 187 vacant *Odhuvar* posts, 107 had been filled.

Ms. Keeran, the mother of two children and wife of a panchayat president of Keerapalayam, near Chidambaram, who joined duty at the Siddhi Buddhi Vinayakar temple in Royapettah, said she had studied the *Thevaram* course at Annamalai University by chance.

Controlling unnatural growth of engineering education is in the hands of the State govt.: AICTE

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Responding to a letter by M.C. Sudhakar, Minister for Higher and Technical Education, Karnataka, about the need to regulate the uncontrolled growth of technical/engineering education in the State, the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) said that any application to set up a new institute is processed only if a stamped receipt by the respective State government/affiliated body is submitted. This has essentially put the ball back in the State government's court.

AICTE further said that the approval process handbook 2023-24 will bring sweeping changes as per National Education Policy (NEP-2020) implementation plan.

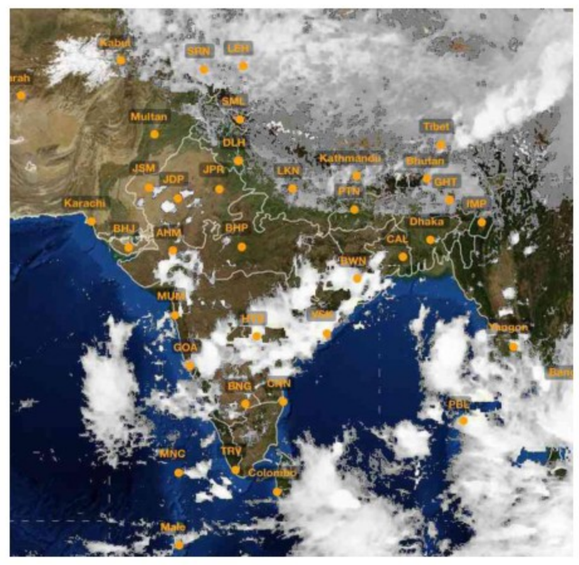
"The Government of Karnataka can submit its proposals for the academic year 2024-25 well in advance, so that they can be inculcated in the process for grant of approvals," said Prof. T.G. Sitharam, Chairman of AICTE in his letter to the Minister.

"It is communicated through the Council's approval process handbook that, if the State government wishes to deny the grant of approval to the said applicant, the same shall be intimated to AICTE within 15 days from the receipt of the same. So that the Council shall not proceed with the approval granting process," the letter said.

In his letter, the Minister expressed concern about lack of regulatory framework on institutions over offering new courses, increasing the number of seats in Information Technology (IT) related courses and decreasing the seats in other streams, especially in Tier-1 cities, creating an imbalance both regional and in the number of students graduating in these streams as against job opportunities available in the market. He had demanded that AICTE "control the increase of seats (especially IT related courses)/decrease of seats (in traditional courses) in engineering/technology mainly in State private universities/institutions by fixing the limit for minimum and maximum seats in a particular course which they can offer" and suggested a temporary ban for the next two to three years on new institutions offering these courses in Tier-1 cities.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal and Kerala

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	35.8	25.1	Kozhikode	6	33.0	24.9
Ahmedabad	11	34.3	26.0	Kurnool	0.2	33.9	24.7
Aizawl	8	32.7	20.0	Lucknow	—	33.0	25.0
Allahabad	0.3	34.3	26.5	Madurai	—	35.2	25.6
Bengaluru	6	28.5	21.3	Mangaluru	20	30.2	23.0
Bhopal	13.1	—	22.4	Mumbai	10	31.3	24.8
Bhubaneswar	0.3	33.8	24.4	Mysuru	—	—	—
Chandigarh	—	34.8	23.6	New Delhi	—	35.6	23.6
Chennai	16	35.0	24.4	Patna	—	30.2	25.1
Coimbatore	—	33.8	23.2	Port Blair	34	29.2	23.6
Dehradun	—	32.2	20.6	Puducherry	0.6	34.2	24.7
Gangtok	5	22.3	15.4	Pune	7.1	30.7	21.8
Goa	22	31.2	23.5	Raipur	2.6	31.8	24.6
Guwahati	1	33.0	25.0	Ranchi	—	32.0	22.0
Hubballi	—	29.0	22.0	Shillong	0.7	24.6	17.0
Hyderabad	0.5	29.5	23.8	Shimla	—	24.6	14.0
Imphal	—	31.9	20.6	Srinagar	18	20.7	10.8
Jaipur	17	33.2	23.5	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.4	24.7
Kochi	4	30.4	24.6	Tiruchi	—	35.1	26.0
Kohima	—	25.0	16.4	Vijayawada	—	33.0	26.4
Kolkata	14	33.5	25.9	Visakhapatnam	—	32.0	27.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	3	61	47	6	112	
Bengaluru	8	13	31	65	48	
Chennai	4	87	44	16	30	
Delhi	12	38	121	135	131	
Hyderabad	13	9	7	74	80	
Kolkata	6	10	17	31	51	
Lucknow	8	11	66	21	29	
Mumbai	2	36	45	112	112	
Pune	131	222	111	41	37	
Visakhapatnam	—	—	—	—	—	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 228 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Davanagere, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 17

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
UPPER PALAR BASIN CIRCLE, VELLORE-632 006.
Form of Contract: Lumpsum - Item Rate Contract / Two Cover System
e-Tender Notice No.03 UPBC /Vellore /F-Tender/ 2023-2024 / Dt.25.09.2023

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, E-tenders are invited by the Special Chief Engineer, WRD, Upper Palar Basin Circle, Vellore-6 under "Two Cover System" through online for the below mentioned work from the eligible tenderers as prescribed in the website.

Item No.	Name of Work	Approximate Value put to Tender (including GST @ 18%) Rs.in Lakhs	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit in Rs.
1	Construction of a Check dam across Koundanya River near Sedhukkarai Village in Gudiyatham Taluk of Vellore District	1126.92	5,75,000/-
2.	Construction of a Check dam across Palar River near Poigai Village in Anicut Taluk of Vellore District	1811.92	9,16,000/-
Period Of Completion (including Monsoon Period) : Item No. 1- **12 Months**. Item No.2 - **18 Months**			
Date and time of Tender opening (as per Server Clock) : Item No. 1- **31.10.2023 at 11:00 Hrs.** Item No. 2- **31.10.2023 at 14:00 Hrs.**			

The tender document and other details will be available upto **3:30 PM on 30.10.2023** in the website **https://tntenders.gov.in** to enable the tenderers to view and download the e-tender documents through online at free of cost and submission of Tenders shall be done only through online. Any Corrections or Modifications will be published on web site only.

DIPR/5267/Tender/2023

Special Chief Engineer, WRD., Upper Palar Basin Circle, Vellore-6

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
DIRECTORATE FOR WELFARE OF THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED
5, LADY WILLINGDON COLLEGE CAMPUS, KAMARAJAR SALAI, CHENNAI-600 005.

Roc.No.2994 /A&A/2023 **TENDER NOTICE** **Dated: 22.9.2023**

Applications are invited from potential manufacturers/distributors for procurement of Retrofitted Petrol Scooters and Specially Designed Retrofitted Petrol Scooters for PWDs through e-procurement portal from **26.9.2023** for the financial year 2023-2024. It is informed to get the complete details on the website of the department **www.scd.tn.gov.in** and apply.

Participating contractors shall submit the sample of the item quoted for, on the day of submission of bid application.

Tender applications are requested to be uploaded through e-procurement portal at **http://tntenders.gov.in**

Director for welfare the Differently Abled, Chennai-600 005 reserves the right to accept or reject the tenders without assigning any reason.

The rates finalized through this tender is also applicable to the supplies under Government and other schemes.

DIPR/ 5270 /TENDER/2023

Director for Welfare of the Differently Abled

Government of Odisha,
Office of the Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur.
E-mail Id: serwcirclesbp@yahoo.com

Bid Identification No. Bridge Tender Online RWCSBP-32 No : 2591 Dated : 22.09.2023

The Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites online percentage rate Bid from experienced & eligible bidders for **07 (Seven) nos of Bridge work** under Biju Setu Yojana for the year 2022-23 & 2023-24.

1. **Name of work** : **Bridge works under BSY for the year 2022-23 & 2023-24.**
2. **No of work** : **07(Seven) nos of Bridge works Details as per DTCN.**
3. **Estimated Cost** : **Approximately Cost Rs.184.95 lakhs to Rs.599.13 Lakhs.**
4. **Class of Contractor** : **'B' & 'A' Class**
5. **Cost of tender paper and mode of deposit** : **Rs.10,000/- per set.(to be deposited On-line) in favour of concerned Executive Engineer.**
6. **Mode of submission of tender** : **Tender should be submitted only On line in website www.tendersorissa.gov.in . (https//tendersodisha.gov.in)**
7. **EMD and mode of deposit** : **1% of estimated cost of the work to be remitted online as mentioned in DTCN.**
8. **Summary of Key dates are provided below :**

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender online for bidding From	Availability of Tender online for bidding To	Last Date & Time for seeking clarification	Date & Time of Opening of tender Technical Bid	Date & Time of Opening of tender Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur.	**Bridge Tender Online - RWCSBP-32/2023-24**	**28.09.2023 at 11.00.A.M.**	**12.10.2023 up to 5.00 P.M.**	**10.10.2023 up to 5.00.P.M.**	**13.10.2023 at 11.00.A.M.**	**To be intimated later**

* Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **www.tendersorissa.gov.in. (https//tendersodisha.gov.in)**
* Subsequent modification/ corrigendum/Addendum if required shall appear in website only.
* The amount put to bid is exclusive of GST.
* Bidder should inspect the road before bidding and quote his rate accordingly.

Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur.

O-1105 : OIPR-25091/11/0050/2324

E-Procurement Notice
GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
HIMACHAL PRADESH ROAD AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENTCORPORATION LIMITED (HPRIDCL)
Request for Expression of Interest Proposal (REoI)

Name of the Project: Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Project (HPSRTP)
Loan No.: 9066-IN
Date: September 26, 2023

The Director (Projects), H.P. State Roads Project, HPRIDCL, Nigam Vihar, Shimla-171002, Himachal Pradesh India invites Expression of Interest from National Consultants for the consultancy services as detailed in the table below:-

Sr. No.	Description of the consultancy Services	Date of availability of Expression of Interest (EoI) on HPRIDCL web site	Last date/ Time for submission of Proposals
1.	To prepare and adopt a Strategic Master Plan for the Development of Smart Multimodal Transportation System	**September 26, 2023**	**October 17, 2023 at 15:00 hours (IST)**

REoI & ToR will be available on the official web site of HPRIDCL under link http://himachalservices.nic.in/hpridc/HPSRTP.html .

Note: - Any further addendum/Corrigendum to this Request for Expression of Interest Proposals Documents shall be available to all interesting firms on the same website link. Proposal must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by post) by **October 17, 2023 at 15:00 hours (IST)**

Executive Director-cum-SE(P&D), State Roads Project, HPRIDCL, Nirman Bhawan, Shimla-171002

HP /0664/2023-2024

Government of Karnataka
(Department of Public Instruction)
Karnataka Text Book Society(R)
6th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560 003.
Phone: 080-26422238/45, e-Mail: **mdktbs.tender@gmail.com**
Website: **https://www.ktbs.kar.nic.in**

No: A7/KTBS/KalikaBalavardhane.Pa.Pu.Mu.Sa.Te/02/2023-24 Date: 25.09.2023

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal only)

Tender is invited under Two Bid System on Government of Karnataka e-procurement platform from eligible printers located within the State of Karnataka having Infrastructure as stipulated in the Tender Document for **Printing and supply of Kalikabalavardhane student activity books and Activity Bank for 1 to 9th schools and KannadaNalikali progress charts & weather charts to 1 to 3rd Standard students studying in Government Schools at Block level located within the State of Karnataka for the Academic year 2023-2024.**

Eligible printers may offer their bidding **up to 5.30 p.m. on 09.10.2023.** Tender document is made available in e-Portal as well as department website.

E-procurement portal address:
https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in
Portal Help line: +91-8046010000 / +91-8068948777
Department Website: http://www.ktbs.kar.nic.in

Sd/- Managing Director,
Karnataka Textbook Society (R), Bengaluru.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, Sri.S.Kishore Kumar, 44 Years, son of Sri.S.Venkatarathnaiah, Sri.S.Venkatarathnaiah, Aged 75 Years, son of Late.Sri.S.Venkatanarasaiah Smt.V.Suma, aged 39 years, wife of Sri.S.Kishore Kumar, all are residing at No.18, 1st Main, 7th Cross, Gowdanapalya, Subramanyapura Post, Bangalore -560061, are the absolute owners of the property described in the Schedule hereunder.

It is brought to the notice of the general public that, our client has negotiated and decided to purchase the Schedule Property from the above said owners. All persons having any claims against or to the Schedule Property or any part thereof by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, conveyance, MOU, Agreement to Sell, G.P.A, transfer, lease deed, tenancy, license, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, exchange, possession, adverse possession or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to submit the same in writing along with documentary proof to the undersigned at their office **within 15 days from the date of publication hereof**, failing which our client shall proceed without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF RESIDENTIAL Site No.80/14/38/1-3, presently bearing BBMP Khatha No. 1953/14/38/1-3, measuring East to West 50ft and North to South 50ft+46ft/2 totally measuring 2400 Sq.ft, along with residential building consisting of Stilt Floor, Ground Floor, First Floor, Second Floor and Terrace Floor, totally measuring 13000 Sq.ft, of Super built up area, situated at **Ibbalur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk** and bounded on the -

East by : Property No.14-38(39)/1-2;
West by : Property No.14-38/1-4;
North by : Property bearing No.37
South by : 25 feet Road;

Dated this 26th day of September 2023 at Bangalore

M/S. LEGAL NEXUS,
ADVOCATES & CONSULTANTS,
No. 428, First Floor, 25th Cross, 24th Main, Sector 2, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560 102, Phone: 080-65555914, Mobile: 9945688974; 9164150690, 6362102374

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
MEDICAL EDUCATION & TRAINING, UTTAR PRADESH
6th FLOOR, JAWAHAR BHAWAN, LUCKNOW

No.: ME-3/2023/2348 **Lucknow: Dated 25 September, 2023**

Revised Time Schedule for Online Mop-Up Round UP NEET PG-2023

Vide Letter No. U-12021/07/2023-MEC(Pt.I)(FTS-8238881) dated 20.09.2023, and Letter no. U-12021/02/2023-MEC dated 22.09.2023, Government of India has reduced qualifying percentile for PG Courses Medical / Dental to all catagories. The Revised Time Schedule for the Admission through Online Mop-up round in the State of Uttar Pradesh for Government / Private Medical / Dental Colleges / Institutions / District Hospitals / Universities for Postgraduate (MD / MS / Diploma / DNB / MDS) Courses is as follows:-

S.No.	Description	Revised Dates	Total Days
1	Date of Online Registration	**26th September 2023 (From 5:00 PM) to 29th September 2023 (Till 11:00 AM)**	03 days
2	Date of deposition of Registration & Security Money	**26th September 2023 (From 5:00 PM) to 29th September 2023 (Till 5:00 PM)**	03 days
3	Date of Merit List Declaration	**29th September 2023**	01 day
4	Date of On-line Choice Filling	**30th September 2023 (From 11:00 AM) to 03rd October 2023 (Till 11:00 AM)**	03 days
5	Date of Allotment Result Declaration	**05th October 2023**	01 day
6	Date for downloading the allotment letters and admission	**06th, 07th, 09th and 10th October 2023**	04 days

- Candidates should assess their eligibility on their own according to the G.O. (Government order)/ Brochure of UP NEET PG 2023.
- **Those candidates who have registered themselves as per the previously released timetable for the mop-up round UP NEET PG-2023, there is no need to register again.**
- Only those candidates will be eligible for the mop-up round, who have not been allotted any seat through the first and second round of counseling of UP NEET PG-2023
- Candidates allotted through first or second round of counseling of UP NEET PG-2023 and candidates admitted through any round of All India quota counseling will not be eligible for the Mop-up round.
- To participate in mop-up round, it will be mandatory for all eligible candidates to register themselves online on the website **https://upneet.gov.in** by depositing the registration fee of **Rs. 2000/- (Rs. Two thousand only)**.
- Security Money **Rs. 30,000/-(Rs. Thirty thousand only)** for Govt. Medical / Dental Colleges, **Rs. 2,00,000/-(Rs. Two lakhs only)** for private medical colleges and **Rs.1,00,000/-(Rupees One Lakh only)** for private dental colleges is mandatory to be deposited online by the candidates.
- Such un-allotted candidates from Round 1 & Round 2 UP NEET PG 2023 counseling, whose Security money has already been deposited, are not required to deposit the Security money again for the Mop-up Round.
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Litigation over water can be avoided only with fixed distress sharing norms

In declining to interfere with the order of the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA), directing Karnataka to release 5,000 cubic feet of water per second (cusecs) to Tamil Nadu until September 27, the Supreme Court has rightly chosen to defer to the wisdom of an expert body that is better placed to apportion the available water in a rainfall deficit year. Karnataka had approached the apex court against the order, contending that it was suffering from a shortfall of over 53% in inflows to its reservoirs this year, following a weak south-west monsoon, and was not in a position to release 5,000 cusecs for 15 more days. To its credit, the upper riparian State has been complying with the CWMA's order amid pressure and protests from some political parties and organisations. Earlier, Tamil Nadu had approached the Court in mid-August to seek directions for water release from Karnataka's reservoirs so that the quantum stipulated for it for the second half of August and whole of September could be realised. The Court had then sought a report from the CWMA, which has spelt out the extent of the distress this year. The 15-day period for which the current CWMA order is applicable ends on September 27, and the Authority's assisting body, the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) is scheduled to meet on September 26 to consider the situation afresh. The dispute has surfaced after a few years, once again highlighting the fact that the parties need a regular formula to share the shortfall and distress in years when the monsoon fails.

In years of abundance, there is little difficulty in Karnataka releasing the water in compliance with the final award of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal, as modified by the Supreme Court in 2018. It is well-known that much of this release is the natural downstream flow of water during heavy rainfall from brimming reservoirs. It is only during deficit years that the States involved feel that the Court will pass favourable orders even if the CWMA does not. This kind of yearly adjudication and seasonal litigation should not become the norm. The CWMA should utilise the opportunity to come up with a permanent formula on how to assess deficit in a given year. Even on the manner of assessment of deficit, the two States have divergent views. It is now up to the CWMA and the CWRC in gathering data on rainfall, inflows and storage, to evolve an acceptable formula to apportion the shortfall in an equitable way. It is inevitable that neither State will be satisfied with the quantum of release ordered by the CWMA, but it is at this point that politics should yield to domain expertise.

War in the Caucasus

Azerbaijan should respect the autonomy of the Armenian population

Azerbaijan's brisk military recapture of Nagorno-Karabakh, an Armenian-populated enclave within its borders, shows the changing power dynamics in the Caucasus, where American, Russian and Turkish interests collide. The roots of the conflict go back to the final days of the Soviet Union when the enclave's majority Armenian-Christian population held a referendum to break away from the Shia majority Azerbaijan. Nagorno-Karabakh was then run by Armenian separatists, backed by the Republic of Armenia, until recently. In 2020, Azerbaijan, backed by Turkey, fought Armenia, a Russian treaty ally, and captured much of Nagorno-Karabakh. The Russians then did little to help Armenia, but brokered a ceasefire that left Stepanakert, Nagorno-Karabakh's biggest city, in the hands of the locals. The peace did not hold. Azerbaijan blockaded the Lachin Corridor, the main road connecting Nagorno-Karabakh to Armenia, leaving the 1,20,000 population of the enclave to face mounting economic miseries. Facing international criticism for the blockade, Azerbaijan promised to lift it, but established a checkpoint, continuing to control the flow of goods and medicines. Last week, it attacked Stepanakert, forcing the separatists to hand over full control to Baku.

In effect, Azerbaijan achieved in a day what it had failed to do in three decades. Two major geopolitical shifts seem to have helped Baku. First, Turkey, keen to play a bigger role in the Caucasus region, the former periphery of the Ottoman Turks, threw its weight behind Azerbaijan, with political and military support. Second, Russia's Ukraine invasion, which tied Moscow to its western front, has led to a substantial erosion of Russian power in the Caucasus. Armenia had often expressed displeasure with Russia's lack of action. Moscow did nothing besides issuing statements when Azerbaijan gradually dismantled the ceasefire agreement. Baku realised that the geopolitical situation favoured it and then moved in to take over the enclave. It is widely recognised that Nagorno-Karabakh is a part of Azerbaijan. But there is a history of mistrust and violence. Armenians in the region, having gone through a genocide and several conflicts, have a sharp historical memory and remain wary of any change in the status quo. Azerbaijan's takeover has triggered a massive refugee outflow to Armenia. There are already allegations that Baku is committing genocidal crimes. For Azerbaijan, this can be an opportunity to integrate Nagorno-Karabakh without further bloodshed. But for that, Baku should ensure equal rights for the Armenian population and respect its autonomy. If not, Azerbaijan could face prolonged local resistance, which could not only deny it a clean victory but also turn its quest to control the enclave ugly.

G-20 diplomacy and a shifting world order

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India scripted amazing success at the G-20 meeting in Delhi on September 9 and 10 and, despite the odds, succeeded in producing a consensus Declaration worthy of an event of this magnitude. Securing an agreement on almost a hundred issues on the agenda, apart from that on the Russia-Ukraine war, was no mean achievement. All told, the G-20 outcomes seemed to mirror the hopes and the wishes of the wider global community. India, as the host, could rightfully take a large measure of credit for this result. The New Delhi Declaration does indeed seem to have something for everyone. From condemnation of terrorism to climate issues, from trebling of renewable energy capacity to matters such as lifestyle for sustainable development and reform of multi-lateral development banks, apart from highlighting India's contributions such as digital public infrastructure and Unified Payments Interface, the Declaration seemed to echo the prevailing mood in the G-20 of favouring compromise over conflict and fully endorsing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dictum of "One Earth, One Family, One Future".

Consensus on the Ukraine conflict became possible with the West agreeing to 'climb down' from its demand not to point fingers at Russia for the Ukraine conflict, and giving up on the insistence to proclaim Russia as guilty. The New Delhi Declaration thus sharply differs from the Bali Declaration of November 2022 where, by a majority vote, the Russian Federation was condemned for its aggression in Ukraine. The difference between two Declarations is that while Bali was accusatory in tone, New Delhi sought a resolution to the conflict. Russia and China have since hailed the New Delhi Declaration in sharp contrast to their criticism of the Bali Declaration.

For India, which is a founder-member of the G-20, formed in 1999 as a grouping of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (it was upgraded to summit level in 2008), and which hosted the G-20 meeting in 2002 (of Finance Ministers and central bank governors), the world has come full circle. Today, India is amongst the leaders whose word counts. A better outcome could not have been wished for.

China's perception, need for caution

Euphoria about the G-20 outcome under India's presidency, however, needs to be tempered, given the many dark clouds that exist on the horizon. China might have welcomed the Delhi Declaration, but there is inherent foreboding in its affirmation that the G-20 was intended to be a 'forum for economic cooperation' and 'not a platform for resolving geo-political and security issues'. Also, while welcoming the establishment of an India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor Plan (announced during the G-20), China has sent an implicit warning that it should 'not become a geo-political tool'. It is evident that China's perception is that the G-20 was being used by the West solely to try and impose its world view. A few other world leaders also do not seem to have given the Delhi G-20 a 'thumbs up', with some observing that hardly any of the geo-strategic and geo-economic issues had been sorted out. The South Korean President, for instance, warned that the world is in a 'period of poly-crisis encompassing geo-political competition, spiralling inflation and continuation of the protracted war with Ukraine'.

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India, for its own sake, has to be wary, given the fluid situation across the globe. China remains a hegemon in Asia, notwithstanding China's economy becoming embroiled in an extended stalemate. While many in the West view China's situation of 'debt deflation and demographic decline' as an opportunity, they remain oblivious to the reality of China's known capacity to resort to various means to overcome its problems. India, however, cannot afford to do so.

India remains an obvious target for China and is in its 'cross-hairs'. While the West can possibly live with a situation in which several of its strategies to contain China have failed, India cannot. Two aspects – the West's acknowledgment of India's' growing economic strength, and India's membership of the Quad (which is now openly accepted as a key grouping in the anti-China phalanx) – call for abundant caution on India's part, since China is unlikely to take kindly to either.

The return of two blocs

Ineluctably, the character of G-20 has been changing in recent years. Contrast the role of G-20 during the 2008-09 economic crisis, (when leading economies tried to find ways and means to prevent the world from plunging into a prolonged economic crisis) with its role in recent years, where the main focus of the G-20 has been on global political conflicts and less on the nature of the global economic landscape. Many analysts hew to the view that under the rubric of the G-20, a subterranean conflict is being waged today by two opposing blocs to alter the balance of power. The two camps (one led by the West and the other by China-Russia) have already earned the sobriquet of 'enduring rivals', engaged in a battle for global supremacy.

The 'rules-based world order', meanwhile, has become a 'catch-all phrase' of merely one segment. The reality is that the world faces 'emerging world disorder', the return of two antagonistic blocs, and shrinking space for the non- aligned. The stalemate in the Ukraine conflict and the eclipse of Russia's hope of a quick walkover in Ukraine seem to have encouraged the U.S. to strengthen and expand the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) under its leadership.

A new NATO is set to become even more dependent on the U.S. for military supplies and capabilities, to be able to act as a bulwark against 'Russian expansionism'. It has, in turn, raised the prospect of a U.S.-equipped 'territorial force' emerging in Ukraine. Outside Europe, a number of non-NATO allies are being inveigled to join a U.S.-led alliance to counter 'authoritarianism' (represented by Russia and China) which is proceeding apace. Japan and South Korea have already capitulated to the West's wooing. Australia has become a key partner in the U.S.-led alliance in the Southern Hemisphere.

Russia and China, in turn, are deepening their 'strategic alignment'. Countries such as North Korea are cementing their relations with this bloc. The recent meeting in Moscow between Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has further deepened their relationship. China is exploiting its frontage in the Pacific Ocean to openly challenge U.S. naval power here. Russia and Türkiye have deepened their relationship based on shared interests and the personal friendship between Mr. Putin and the Turkish leader, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. Russia is once again seeking to expand its footprint in Africa, and Russia's recent agreement to supply food grains to African States at subsidised prices, or even for free, is aimed towards this end.

Fading non-alignment

The many new alignments are set to deal a death blow to the concept of non-alignment. It is proving increasingly difficult for countries to remain non-aligned in the truest sense of the word. Even existing formations such as BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) are tending to find the situation untenable. Given the multiplicity of relationships and the 'lattice work' of security agreements that have emerged, the space for non-alignment has dramatically shrunk.

With the strengthening of rival camps holding divergent visions of the international order, the world confronts a dismal future. It may not be too far wrong to surmise, that notwithstanding all the glitz surrounding the 18th G-20 in New Delhi and the obligatory references to the importance of the Global South among its priorities, countries such as India (despite all the hard work they put in), will still remain notional pieces on the checkerboard of international politics, with hardly any decisive voice in determining the course of world events.

Children, a key yet missed demographic in AI regulation

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India is to host the first-ever global summit on Artificial Intelligence (AI) this October. Additionally, as the Chair of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI), India will also be hosting the GPAI global summit in December. These events suggest the strategic importance of AI, as it is projected to add $500 billion to India's economy by 2025, accounting for 10% of the country's target GDP.

Against this backdrop, Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently called for a global framework on the ethical expansion of AI. Given the sheer volume of data that India can generate, it has an opportunity to set a policy example for the Global South. Observers and practitioners will track India's approach to regulation and how it balances AI's developmental potential against its concomitant risks.

One area where India can assume leadership is how regulators address children and adolescents who are a critical (yet less understood) demographic in this context. The nature of digital services means that many cutting-edge AI deployments are not designed specifically for children but are nevertheless accessed by them.

The governance challenge

Regulation will have to align incentives to reduce issues of addiction, mental health, and overall safety. In absence of that, data hungry AI-based digital services can readily deploy opaque algorithms and dark patterns to exploit impressionable young people. Among other things this can lead to tech-based distortions of ideal physical appearance(s) which can trigger body image issues. Other malicious threats emerging from AI include misinformation, radicalisation, cyberbullying, sexual grooming, and doxxing.

The next generation of digital *nagriks* must also grapple with the indirect effects of their families' online activities. Enthusiastic 'sharents' regularly post photos and videos about their children online to document their journeys through parenthood. While moving into adolescence we must equip young people with tools to manage the unintended consequences. For instance, AI-powered deep fake capabilities can be misused to target young people wherein bad actors create morphed sexually explicit depictions and distribute them online.

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Beyond this, India is a melting pot of intersectional identities across gender, caste, tribal identity, religion, and linguistic heritage. Internationally, AI is known to transpose real world biases and inequities into the digital world. Such issues of bias and discrimination can impact children and adolescents who belong to marginalised communities.

AI regulation must improve upon India's approach to children under India's newly minted data protection law. The data protection framework's current approach to children is misaligned with India's digital realities. It transfers an inordinate burden on parents to protect their children's interests and does not facilitate safe platform operations and/or platform design. Confusingly, it inverts the well-known dynamic where a significant percentage of parents rely on the assistance of their children to navigate otherwise inaccessible user interface and user experience (UI/UX) interfaces online. It also bans tracking of children's data by default, which can potentially cut them away from the benefits of personalisation that we experience online. So, how can the upcoming Digital India Act (DIA) better protect children's interests when interacting with AI?

Shifting the emphasis

International best practices can assist Indian regulation to identify standards and principles that facilitate safer AI deployments. UNICEF's guidance for policymakers on AI and children identifies nine requirements for child-centred AI which draws on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (India is a signatory). The guidance aims to create an enabling environment which promotes children's well-being, inclusion, fairness, non-discrimination, safety, transparency, explainability and accountability.

Another key feature of successful regulation will be the ability to adapt to the varying developmental stages of children from different age groups. California's Age Appropriate Design Code Act serves as an interesting template. The Californian code pushes for transparency to ensure that digital services configure default privacy settings; assess whether algorithms, data collection, or targeted advertising systems harm children; and use clear, age-appropriate language for user-facing information. Indian authorities should encourage research which collects evidence on the benefits and risks of AI for India's children and adolescents. This should serve as a baseline to work towards an Indian Age Appropriate Design Code for AI.

Lastly, better institutions will help shift regulation away from top-down safety protocols which place undue burdens on parents. Mechanisms of regular dialogue with children will help incorporate their inputs on the benefits and the threats they face when interacting with AI-based digital services. An institution similar to Australia's Online Safety Youth Advisory Council which comprises people between the ages of 13-24 years could be an interesting approach. Such institutions will assist regulation to become more responsive to the threats young people face when interacting with AI systems, while preserving the benefits that they derive from digital services.

The fast-evolving nature of AI means that regulation should avoid prescriptions and instead embrace standards, strong institutions, and best practices which imbue openness, trust, and accountability. As we move towards a new law to regulate harms on the Internet, and look to establish our thought leadership on global AI regulation, the interests of our young citizens must be front and centre.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Moody's on Aadhaar

It is not clear why it takes a global rating major such as Moody's Investors Service to flag concerns about "security and privacy vulnerabilities" in centralised identification systems such as India's Aadhaar programme (Page 1, September 25).

All along, it is the Indian government agencies which made the adoption of Aadhaar a widespread phenomenon. It is rather puzzling why the Indian agencies had not come across and flagged such security and privacy vulnerabilities let alone suggest remedial measures to the vulnerabilities. Surfacing of 'vulnerabilities' in the Aadhaar programme now is likely to cause a certain level of confusion in the minds of citizens of this country. It is high time the government of the day clarifies all possible doubts in the public domain before it is too late.

A. Venkatasubramanian,
Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

It is always easy to point to shortcomings in any new initiative. No man-made system can be perfect. The direct benefits transfer has helped millions of Indians. We have plenty of naysayers, pessimists and 'I told you so's' in the country. Let us not throw the baby out with the bath water.

M.R. Raghunath,
Bengaluru

Parliamentary conduct

How long can we continue to call ourselves a diverse and inclusive democracy where on the one hand, Members of Parliament from the Opposition get suspended for petty violations while on the other, communal slurs and abuses by a Member of Parliament from the ruling party (Editorial, September 25) invite no strict action right away?

Mere warning against a repeat performance or a show cause notice is no answer to questionable conduct seen in the nation's highest forum of debate.

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Haldwani, Nainital, Uttarakhand

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It's a long road to women's equality

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After almost a decade of silence, the Modi government's sudden announcement took everyone by surprise: a Bill in favour of women's reservation, now renamed Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam (roughly, Statute Revering Women's Power), was to be presented in Parliament. It has since been passed in both Houses without much ado, with just two votes against it in the Lok Sabha.

While voting in its favour, Opposition groups have rightly pointed out that the Bill has been presented late in the day, and that too with various conditionalities attached, which make actual implementation vague. There is no question of its playing a direct role in the 2024 general elections. Some even wonder whether arrangements for implementation will be in place by 2029. Thus, the future of women's reservations remains uncertain even though it is now the law. How do we take stock of this turn of events? One way is to revisit the history of the issue, which spans a century of campaigns over women's rights.

Colonial beginnings

The possibility of women entering political life took shape in the early 20th century when the colonial state responded to Indian nationalism in the form of political devolution, by offering Indians a greater role in governance through various means of nomination, reservation, and election. It was in this context that the first women's organisations were born. They sought to take forward agendas of social reform by expanding women's voting rights as well as by standing for elections. Women leaders, though, took different positions. While some did not want any form of reservation, others believed that structural disadvantages such as lack of economic autonomy, dependency, and the constraints of marriage laws meant that women required reservations to ensure that the 'women's point of view' was represented in legislatures. These were also the years when the rights of the depressed classes, the Dravidian movement, and the fears of Muslims of turning into a minority were occupying public space, all of which had significant implications for women's groups. Women's organisations not only opposed the idea of separate electorates for different groups in the name of women's unity, but came to be persuaded after 1930 (and especially after the Poona Pact) to drop their demand for any special treatment in the form of nominations or reservations. 'Equality and no privileges' and 'a fair field and no favour' were common slogans. Differing views were sought to be suppressed, even at the cost of loss of membership, especially for Muslim women.

What changed?

Not enough is known about a subsequent critical time in this history, namely the years of preparation for the Constitution. No voices were raised in favour of reservations for women. No change in attitude was visible until the 1970s and the shocking findings of the 1974 'Towards Equality' report of the Committee on the Status of Women in India, which declared that women were turning into a minority. However, even this committee opposed by a majority vote the idea that political reservations for women were needed to counter the appallingly low presence of women in electoral politics. The rebirth of the women's movement in the late 1970s and '80s, which for the first time saw political campaigns on issues such as custodial rape and dowry deaths, also did not express concern over the absence of women in State Assemblies or Parliament.

It is only in the 1990s that a change in orientation was visible, though opinions differed then too. While there was general agreement for the need to revive moribund village panchayats with one-third reservations for women, few groups came out openly in favour of the 1996 women's reservation Bill proposing a similar quota at the State and national levels. Equally noteworthy was the form of opposition. The Samajwadi Party and the Rashtriya Janata Dal demanded a sub-quota for women from Other Backward Classes (OBC), stating that a blanket reservation for women would disproportionately favour upper caste women. The call for sub-quotas for OBC women and Muslim women did not find many backers. Even in 2010, when the Bill was passed in the Rajya Sabha, there was little appreciation of the complex forms that patriarchal exclusion takes. While there was growing support for women's reservations as an idea, questions such as the electoral disadvantages of OBC women pitted against upper caste women did not find resonance.

Today, we are in the strange situation where everyone is in favour of women's reservations, as though patriarchy has disappeared. The ruling party seems to believe that it has successfully domesticated women's issues. It sees this Bill "revering woman power" as just another welfare scheme rather than a historic law allowing women to participate in the shaping of state policy. We must be vigilant against this mood of self-congratulation. It is imperative that the reservations policy for women recognises the multiple and unequal forms that patriarchy takes in excluding women from public life. It is equally important to guard against the idea that the mere presence of women in electoral politics will translate into women's equality and freedom. Given the current ideological climate, the new law is not an achievement but a challenge. The long waiting period before it takes effect should be a time for re-examining our ideas and beliefs about how the electoral presence of women might translate into a more egalitarian and less hate-filled ethos.

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Soma Laishram is not at fault

The three-year ban against the Manipuri actor is uncalled for

STATE OF PLAY

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Soma Laishram, 31, is one of the most bankable actors in the Manipuri film industry. Yet, her popularity through more than 150 films, many of which have fetched her awards, did not stop a civil society organisation, the Kangleipak Kanba Lup (KKL), from "banning" her from acting in films and attending social functions for three years.

Ms. Laishram's "fault" was that she participated in a fashion parade in New Delhi on September 16. In a statement, the KKL said that Ms. Laishram had defied a general request to celebrities in Manipur not to participate in entertainment events as long as the State burns. It said that the actor "showed disrespect to the Meiteis who have died" and to thousands of others who have been rendered homeless by the ethnic violence, which has claimed more than 175 lives since May 3.

Ms. Laishram defended her decision to participate in the festival saying it was "not for fun" and that it gave her an "opportunity as a professional actor and social influencer to speak up about the crisis in Manipur" on a platform offered by a non-profit organisation in India's political hub.

Manipur is no stranger to threats and bans by social and extremist groups. Militants, especially those from the Meitei-dominated Imphal Valley, banned the screening of Hindi movies in the State's cinema halls in 2000. While they gave no reason, it is believed that the ban was put in place to "protect" Manipur's culture and identity. It was because of

this ban that a film on Mary Kom starring Priyanka Chopra was not shown in the State when it was released in 2014. It was for the same reason that actor Bala Hijam was forced to stop shooting for a Hindi movie, *Zindagi On the Rocks*, midway, after a warning from an underground group. This virtually put paid to her pan-India dreams, a year after she had starred opposite Dulquer Salmaan in the Malayalam hit, *Neelakasham Pachakadal Chuvanna Bhoomi*. Film historian Meghachandra Kongbam says in his book *Manipuri Cinema* that the State government's annual earnings from cinema halls dropped drastically from ₹1 crore in the mid-1990s as a result of this ban. But the local film industry, which began thriving in the digital format, has largely remained untouched.

Unlike the earlier instances, the film fraternity and the general public has strongly backed Ms. Laishram this time. Many people have taken to media platforms to pan the KKL for the "puerile" ban. On September 19, the Manipur Human Rights Commission accepted a complaint by Ngamkheingakpi, a Shillong-based Meitei, against the KKL for violating the rights of an actor. The chairman of the Film Federation Manipur, Laimayum Surjakanta Sharma, said that the body stands by Ms. Laishram and would ask the KKL to withdraw the unilateral decree against her. The president of the Cine Actors' Guild Manipur, Lokendra Takhellambam, said that the ban was unjustified. Taking to Instagram, Manipuri actor and director Priyakanta Laishram denounced the ban and the "cancel cultures" that have long prevailed in Manipur. Others pointed out how Ms. Laishram used her fan following to seek justice for rape victims, at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi, a day after participating in the fashion show.

The media in Manipur, which is often forced to shut down to protest diktats by extremist groups and has recently been accused of biased reportage on the ethnic conflict by the Editors Guild of India, has also played up the "collective public outcry" against the KKL's ban. An editorial in *Imphal Times* said, "It is a clear indication that society is rallying behind those in the entertainment sector, understanding the challenges they face, especially in turbulent times."

The overwhelming support for the actor is a good sign. The ethnic conflict in Manipur shows no sign of abating. If anything, it is beginning to slowly fade from public consciousness. In such a scenario, it is crucial that Manipuri people, especially celebrities with massive followings, use the opportunities before them to speak up and spread awareness about what is going on in the State. The ban not only violates the actor's individual freedoms, but also takes away focus from what she actually set out to do. Ms. Laishram's participation in the event in the capital could in fact be the rallying point for organisations and individuals in conflict-scarred Manipur to come together and speak up about the urgent need to restore normalcy in Manipur.

Over 60% urban kids spend 3 hours daily on entertainment apps

Over 70% parents emphasised the need for children to take parental permission to join social media and gaming platforms

DATA POINT

The Hindu Data Team

After the COVID-19 period, as children returned to school and face-to-face teaching recommenced, there was an upswing in the use of the Internet for leisure. A recent survey by LocalCircles indicates that urban Indian youngsters spend more and more time listening to music, viewing clips, maintaining social connections, and playing games on the Internet. This trend has given rise to a growing addiction to electronic gadgets among children aged 9 to 18. This addiction, in some instances, has manifested as impatience, aggression, concentration problems, memory issues, headaches, eye and back discomfort, stress, communication difficulties, lethargy, and even depression. In many cases, parents reported that they are unaware of the apps that their children use.

The nationwide survey aimed to grasp the primary concerns parents had regarding their children's prolonged usage of social media, OTT, and online gaming platforms. Additionally, it sought parents' views on the necessity of parental permission for accessing these platforms. The survey gathered feedback from over 46,000 urban Indian parents spanning 296 districts in India. Of these respondents, 62% were male and 38% were female. Respondents were from districts across tiers, with 47% from tier 1, 35% from tier 2, and 18% from tiers 3 and 4.

The survey asked about the daily Internet consumption of children aged 9-17 concerning social media, videos/OTT, and online gaming. Of the 11,507 replies received, 61% of urban Indian parents indicated that their children devoted an average of 3 hours or longer each day to these pursuits (**Chart 1**). To break it down, 39% said that their children used gadgets for 1-3 hours daily, 46% said 3-6 hours, and 15% said over 6 hours. Importantly, no participants said that their children abstained from such online activities.

The survey also explored which online platforms children aged 9-17 were most engaged with. Of the 12,017 respondents, some indicated that their children were addicted to multiple mediums. In total, 37% highlighted that their children mostly watched videos/OTT (such as YouTube, Prime Video, Netflix, Hotstar) (**Chart 2**), 35% pointed to social media platforms (such as Instagram, WhatsApp, Snapchat, Be Real), and 33% identified online gaming (including Minecraft, PUBG, Fortnite, Among Us, FIFA, Fantasy Sports). Additionally, 10% selected "other online activities," while 2% were not sure. A small proportion (8%) of respondents said that their children were not addicted to any of the aforementioned social media platforms, online games, or entertainment.

The survey asked parents to indicate the emotional or mental impact of social media, videos/OTT, and online games on their children. Among the 11,697 respondents, 39% mentioned aggression as an impact, followed by 37% citing impatience, 27% noting lethargy, 25% describing their children as hyperactive, and 22% reporting depression. (**Chart 3**). On the positive side, about 10% of parents said that their children had become more social and 8% reported that their children were happier; 2% indicated that their children were not impacted in any way.

The survey asked whether India should prioritise the mandatory parental consent for children under 18 to join social media, OTT/video and online gaming platforms. Out of the 11,798 replies, 73% emphasised the need for parental permission, 13% believed that the minimum age for independent access should be set at 15 years, while 9% felt that maintaining the minimum age at 13 for joining without consent was appropriate. (**Chart 4**).

Hooked on phones

The charts were sourced from a survey conducted by LocalCircles titled as "61% urban Indian parents say their children are addicted to social media, OTT & online gaming platforms"

Chart 1: How much average time per day are children between the ages of 9 and 17 in your family spending on social media, videos/OTT and online games on the Internet?

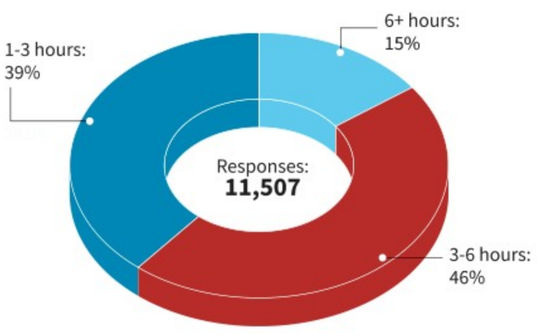


Chart 2: What do you feel children in your family are addicted to, or have to engage in everyday?

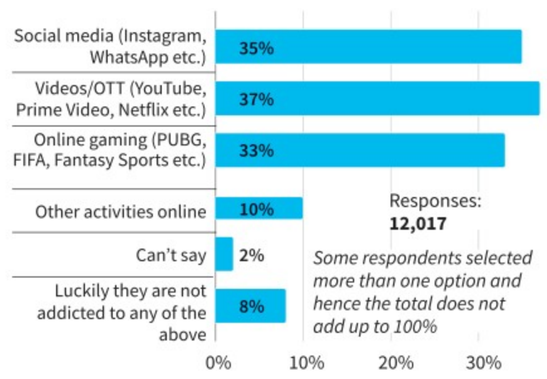


Chart 3: What emotional or mental impact of social media, videos/OTT and online games do you see on your children between the ages of 9 to 17?

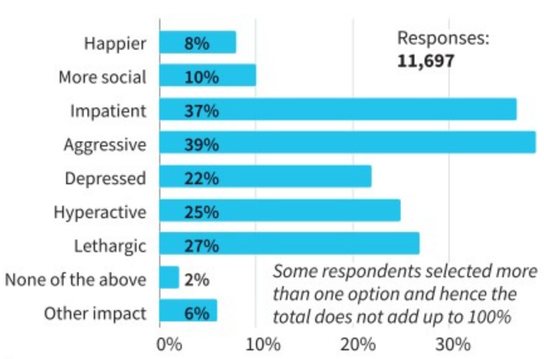
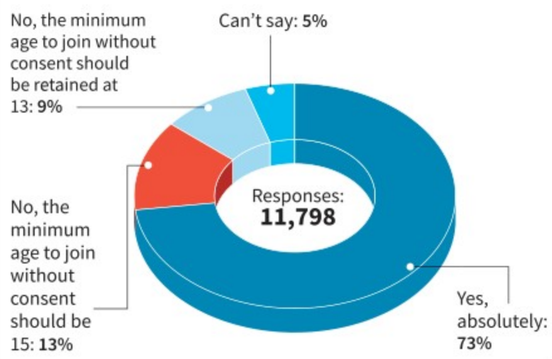


Chart 4: Should India make mandatory parental consent for children under 18 to join social media, OTT/video and online gaming platforms?



FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 26, 1973

Giri deplores theft of temple sculptures

Hyderabad, Sept. 25: Expressing concern over thefts of valuable pieces from temples and museums in the country the President, Mr. V.V. Giri, said here to-day that every effort must be made to protect and preserve these priceless objects.

Mr. Giri, who was unveiling a statue of the late Nawab Salar Jung III, at the Salar Jung Museum, said this museum had a priceless collection of articles from all over the world. The oriental section included Indian, Iranian, Japanese and Chinese collections. The western section was remarkable for the fine collection of porcelain and furniture. The museum library had rare manuscripts and printed books in Arabic, Persian, Urdu and other languages.

It was remarkable how one individual (Salar Jung) built up this museum, Mr. Giri said. It was the responsibility of everyone to see that the art objects in the museum were preserved and protected from the ravages of time and the greed of man. A museum like this should really become a centre of education. There should also be exhibitions which could be taken round villages, he said.

Referring to the loss of sculptures from temples, Mr. Giri said this kind of vandalism was traceable to greed. Some were not lovers of art but possessed art objects only to impress others. Any person, who resorted to questionable means to acquire valuable pieces could never be a true lover of art but a man of greed. The Government he said has passed legislation against the unlawful acquisition and sale of art pieces.

Museums, the President said, should become a way of life with the people.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 26, 1923

Passive resistance

Berlin, Sept. 24: Stinnes was among the representatives of Ruhr who to-day conferred with the Imperial Government with regard to the question of the abandonment of passive resistance. It is unofficially known that a majority of the delegates favoured abandonment on the ground that passive resistance was recently benefitting the French more than the Germans and financing which was pushing up paper marks to such an extent that it was literally impossible to produce them.

From Page One

AIADMK exits NDA after ties with BJP turn bitter

Four days later, a delegation of the AIADMK went to New Delhi, and interacted with senior leaders of the BJP.

Even though the AIADMK's relationship with Mr. Annamalai had not been smooth for more than a year, the latter's observations on Annadurai a couple of weeks ago had provoked the latest round of spat between the two parties. In the elections to urban local bodies in February 2022, the BJP and the AIADMK contested separately.

'Tibetans are seeking for more autonomy'

While the Chinese government did not confirm any talks at present, Beijing has maintained at various points, including in 2021, that any talks it holds are for the "future of the Dalai Lama", not the "future of Tibet", indicating that the Dalai Lama may be allowed to return to Lhasa for a visit.

When asked by *The Hindu* if he would like to return to Lhasa, and to his summer home at Norbulingka in the city, the Tibetan leader was clear that he hoped to live in India, although he would like to revisit Tibet, especially as he perceives a "change" in China.

"China is also now changing... I think many people [in Tibet] love me... similarly many Chinese love me... and so they want me to go back [to Tibet]. But I do not want to stay there. Lhasa is very high...Dharamshala's height is very suitable for my physical condition now," he said in response, indicating the high-altitude issues that many visitors face on the Tibetan plateau.

"I was born in Tibet, but my spiritual knowledge is from here, from Nalanda in India," he said in a reference to the seat of Buddhist teachings in India, adding that "so half my body is from here at least".

The 88-year-old spiritual leader has been meeting the public daily in the post-COVID period, waving to crowds from his golf cart, and seated as dozens of Buddhist devotees and visitors from abroad file past.

According to members of the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA, the body that oversees the Tibetan population in exile), the Dalai Lama is expected to hold daily teachings from October 2 in Dharamshala, and leave for Gangtok on October 10, holding discourses not far from the border with China and the Doklam plateau, where Indian and Chinese soldiers faced off in 2017.

Earlier this year, he spent a month in Ladakh, as he does most years. He is also slated to travel to Bylakuppe in Karnataka, which houses the second largest Tibetan refugee settlement after Dharamshala, where he is expected to be joined by former U.S. President Barack Obama.

SC questions quality of education in U.P.

Advocate Shadan Farasat, for activist-petitioner Tushar Gandhi, said the case was a "classic" one under Section 153A (promoting enmity between different groups) of the Indian Penal Code. Instead, Ms. Tyagi, who was not arrested, was accused merely of causing hurt and insulting to "provoke breach of peace".

The court ordered the State to nominate a senior IPS officer to take charge and examine if the teacher had to be booked for promoting religious enmity and child abuse. The Bench said it wanted to know when exactly the chargesheet would be filed and how the State planned to protect witnesses, almost entirely children, in the case.

The court said the State of Uttar Pradesh should take responsibility for the education of the child.

The court impleaded the State's Education Secretary. It listed the case next on October 30.

Southwest monsoon begins its withdrawal

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

It is the beginning of the end for the southwest monsoon this year, with the India Meteorological Department (IMD) announcing its withdrawal, from west Rajasthan on Monday. This is a week behind the normal withdrawal date of September 17.

As of Monday, monsoon rainfall over India was 5% below what's usual for this time of the year. Under the impact of an *El Nino*, India was staring at drought-like conditions with August registering a nearly 36% deficit.

However, excessive rainfall in September, nearly 16% above normal, over most parts of India (except the east and northeast) shored up the overall numbers to reduce India's deficit.

September's rainfall has been much above the IMD's forecast. On August 31, the agency said rains would be 'normal', meaning a maximum of 9% more than the 16.7 cm that is due.

Above-normal rainfall was most likely over many areas of northeast India, adjoining east India, foothills of the Himalayas, and some areas of east-central and south peninsular India, it had said.

However, east and northeast India have received below-normal rainfall in September so far.

Photos of bodies of two students surface

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Days after mobile Internet was restored in Manipur, photos of the bodies of two Meitei students who went missing near Bishnupur on July 6, surfaced on social media.

The bodies are yet to be found.

The two friends are suspected to have been abducted by "Kuki armed miscreants," according to a status report submitted by Manipur government in the Supreme Court.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah spoke to Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and promised immediate action by the Central security agencies, a source said. This is one of the 11 cases related to violence against women being investigated by the CBI. In one of the photos, the two friends are seen sitting next to each other, with armed men in the background. In another photo, their bodies are seen lying near a rock.

The Manipur government said the police, in collaboration with the Central agencies, are investigating the case.

Jaishankar, Guterres discuss reform of global financial institutions, sustainability

After meeting with UN Secretary-General, Minister appreciates his strong commitment to reforming international financial institutions; he also meets UNGA chief Dennis Francis

Sriram Lakshman
UNITED NATIONS

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and United Nations (UN) Secretary-General Antonio Guterres held bilateral talks on Monday, and discussed the sustainability agenda and the reform of international financial institutions, as per Mr. Jaishankar. The Minister met with Mr. Guterres at the UN's headquarters on the eve of the Minister's address to the 78th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA).

"Discussed how India's G20 Presidency has contributed to strengthening UN's sustainable development agenda," Mr. Jaishankar wrote on X (formerly, Twitter).

"We have coordinated closely in this regard over the last year. Appreciate UNSG's strong commitment to reforming International Financial Institutions," he added, referring to the reform of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund.

Key meeting: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar with United Nations Secretary- General Antonio Guterres at the UN Headquarters on Monday. X/@DRSJAISHANKAR

On the reform agenda is greater lending capacity for the World Bank and more board-based representation for countries on the boards of these institutions. Mr. Guterres has been a vocal critic of the performance of these institutions.

The Minister also met with UNGA President Dennis Francis, with whom he said he had discussed India's G-20 presidency, as well as the reform of multilateralism "and giving the Global South its due on crucial issues of our times". The government has sought to position India as the advocate of the Global South and had organised a number of similarly themed events on the fringes of the UNGA session in New York.

"Congratulated India's successful #G20 Chairmanship, especially on India's unwavering advocacy in support of the Global South," Mr. Francis said

Mr. Jaishankar also held talks with Madagascar Foreign Minister Yvette Sylla. "Discussed development partnership, millets and rice production, digital delivery and defense cooperation," he said on X.

Mr. Jaishankar will address the General Assembly on Tuesday morning on behalf of the government.

Dalit woman assaulted and humiliated in Bihar village

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

A Dalit woman has been assaulted and humiliated allegedly by a moneylender, his son and three or four unidentified persons in Patna district of Bihar. The victim has been admitted to a primary health centre as she sustained injuries in the attack at Mosimpur village on Saturday. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said stern action would be taken, and he had instructed officials to look into the case on priority.

In a complaint lodged at the Khusrupur police station, the woman said Pramod Singh, his son Anshu Singh and the others summoned her to an isolated place while she was drawing water from a hand pump and beat her up. They tried to disrobe her and Anshu urinated on her, she said. Her husband had repaid Pramod a ₹1,500 loan with interest, but he had been demanding more interest. The police have filed a case under Sections of the the Indian Penal Code and the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention and Atrocities) Act.

We can scrap Justice Gita Mittal Committee or you can trust it: CJI tells petitioners

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Faced with myriad complaints and grievances from petitioners in the Manipur ethnic violence case, the Supreme Court on Monday said it could not run the State administration, and petitioners had to trust the Justice Gita Mittal Committee to do its job.

The issues raised by various petitioners, and to begin with, the committee itself, included distribution of Aadhaar cards and disability certificates to the displaced people of the State, to distribution of compensation to the families of the dead, reconstruction of religious buildings and homes destroyed in the clashes, disposal of bodies to functioning of courts in the State.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, seeing the Justice Mittal Committee before the court, said all the panel had to do was make a "telephone call to the Manipur Chief Secretary to resolve immediate problems".

The committee was constituted to intervene and monitor relief. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

The Justice Mittal Committee was constituted by the apex court to intervene and monitor relief and rehabilitation, and restoration of homesteads, religious places of worship in Manipur. The Chief Justice had said the committee, through its work, would endeavour to reinstill the Manipur people's belief in the rule of law. As for the petitioners, the court seemed to agree with the State government's logic that complaints should be first brought to the committee for a resolution.

The Bench directed the Unique Identification Authority of India to provide Aadhaar cards to persons who have been displaced during the violence, provided their records were already with the authority. As for others, the court ordered that the necessary verification prior to issuance of Aadhaar cards should be conducted expeditiously.

The apex court ordered the State to issue duplicates of disability certificates, especially to people in relief camps. The State Finance Department has been directed to issue appropriate orders to banks to facilitate the displaced to access their accounts. The court ordered the Manipur government to release funds to local authorities, district-wise, for distribution of compensation to the violence-affected families.

NGOs told to declare assets acquired with foreign funds

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Home Ministry amended rules on Monday asking non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and associations to declare moveable and immoveable assets created out of foreign contribution.

According to the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules Amendment Rules, 2023, notified on Monday, two new additions have been made to the existing rules where NGOs are required to declare the details of assets by March 31 of the financial year. The details to be filled in a form are description of the assets, size and location of the immoveable asset such as land and building, value of the moveable assets at the beginning of the financial year, value of assets acquired and disposed during the year, and value as per the balance sheet at the end of the year.

Speaker to hear pleas against Shiv Sena MLAs on October 13

Abhinay Deshpande
MUMBAI

Days after the Supreme Court directed Maharashtra Assembly Speaker Rahul Narwekar to spell out the timeline for adjudication of the disqualification petitions filed against Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and his Sena MLAs within a week, Mr. Narwekar on Monday initiated the process and decided to conduct the official hearing on October 13.

The Shiv Sena experienced a split in June last year, triggered by a rebellion led by Mr. Shinde, which ultimately resulted in his appointment as Chief Minister, toppling the Uddhav Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi government. The Thackeray faction subsequently sought the disqualification of several party MLAs, including Mr. Shinde, citing anti-defection laws.

Advocate Anil Sakhare, representing the Chief Minister said, Mr. Narwekar heard their arguments as they strongly opposed the consolidation of the petition filed before him. "Our request is to conduct independent hearings for each of these petitions," he said, adding that the first hearing is set for October 13, and the arguments would revolve around whether to conduct hearings for all petitions together or separately.

A total of 39 MLAs face disqualification petitions. The Speaker is likely to issue orders on how to go with the petitions and the timeline of hearing within two days.

In July, Mr. Narwekar had issued notices to 40 MLAs of the Mr. Shinde-led Sena and 14 of the Thackeray faction, seeking their replies on disqualification petitions against them. The notices were issued against 54 MLAs, including the Chief Minister Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Aaditya Thackeray.

Centre rebuffs Moody's Aadhaar report; says a billion Indians trust it, no breach of database

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Electronics and IT Ministry late on Monday took on a report from Moody's Investors Service that raised questions about the efficacy of Aadhaar, and dismissing concerns about security and privacy in a centralised system, asserted that there had been no breaches reported from the unique ID system's database till date.

In a note titled "Aadhaar, the most trusted digital ID in the world – Moody's Investors Service opinions baseless" , the Ministry said a number of international agencies, including the IMF and the World Bank, had lauded Aadhaar and several nations had also engaged with the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) to understand how they may deploy similar digital ID systems.

In a report last Saturday, the global rating agency had said that Aadhaar's biometric authentication systems often resulted in "service denials" for users and were unreliable in hot and humid conditions. The agency had also red-flagged security and privacy risks to users of such centralised systems where a single entity such as a government electoral roll "controls and manages a user's identifying credentials and their access to online resources".

"A certain investor service has, without citing any evidence or basis, made sweeping assertions against Aadhaar, the most trusted digital ID in the world," the Ministry's riposte noted. "Over the last decade, over a billion Indians have expressed their trust in Aadhaar by using it to authenticate themselves over 100 billion times. To ignore such an unprecedented vote of confidence in an identity system is to imply that the users do not understand what is in their own interest," it said.

"The report in question does not cite either primary or secondary data or research in support of the opinions presented in it. The investor service did not make any attempt to ascertain facts regarding the issues raised by it from the Authority," the Ministry said, before stressing that Aadhaar is the foundational Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) of the India stack.

"The report avers that use of biometric technologies results in service denials for manual labourers in India's hot, humid climate, an obvious reference to India's Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme [MGNREGS]," the Ministry noted. "However, it is evident that the authors of the report are unaware that the seeding of Aadhaar in the MGNREGS database has been done without requiring the worker to authenticate using their biometrics, and that even payment to workers under the scheme is made by directly crediting money into their account and does not require the worker to authenticate using their biometrics," it argued.

The Moody's report also ignores that biometric submission is also possible through contactless means such as face authentication and iris authentication, the Electronics and IT Ministry said, adding that the option of mobile OTP (One-Time Passcode) is also available in many use cases.

Rebuffing doubts about security and privacy vulnerabilities in a centralised Aadhaar system, the Ministry said that the facts on these aspects have been repeatedly disclosed in response to Parliament questions.

"Further, Parliament has laid down robust privacy protections in the law governing the Aadhaar system and these are observed through robust technological and organisational arrangements, the Ministry emphasised.

IAF inducts C-295MW transport aircraft

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

The Indian Air Force (IAF) formally began phasing out its legacy HS-748 Avro transport aircraft from service when the first C-295MW transport aircraft was inducted into service in a formal ceremony at the Hindon Air Force Station on Monday. The first aircraft was inducted into the No. 11 Squadron, 'The Rhinos', based in Vadodara.

The C-295, with a carrying capacity of nine tonnes, can transport up to 71 troops or 50 paratroopers, airdrop cargo, be deployed for medical evacuation, and take off and land in short and unpaved runways, according to Airbus.

Cong., allies supported women's quota Bill reluctantly, says Modi

Addressing a rally in M.P.; he alleges that by spreading rumours, the Opposition was trying to divide women power; he flags alleged corruption of Rajasthan govt. at a Jaipur meeting and lashes out at parties over remarks on *Sanatana Dharma*

The Hindu Bureau
RAIPUR/JAIPUR

Alleging that the Congress and other Opposition parties that are in alliance with it supported the women's reservation Bill in Parliament reluctantly and under "great compulsion", Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday that they were now determined to divide "women power".

Addressing a gathering of BJP workers, *Karyakarta Mahakumb*, which had a fair share of women in attendance, in Bhopal, Mr. Modi dwelt into the three-decade-old history of the Bill to slam his opponents, warning that they were ready to "deceive women if given an opportunity".

While he questioned the Congress for not pushing the Bill through despite having an overwhelming majority in the past, Mr. Modi also referred to disruptive acts such as tearing the copies of the Bill and attacking the Speaker that its "*Ghamandia* (arrogant)" alliance (INDIA) partners indulged in.

The Prime Minister further made a veiled reference to the Congress's demands to include quota for women from Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and its allegation that the Bill itself was a diversionary tactic against the demand for a caste census to suggest that the purported shortcomings highlighted by it were a ploy to mislead people.

Poll pitch: Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing a rally in Jaipur, Rajasthan on Monday. PTI

"I want to tell you one more thing, these people are very nervous. Now they will play a new game, they will try their best to divide women power. To ensure that women power does not remain united, various kinds of rumours will be spread. Therefore, every mother, sister and daughter of the country will have to be careful, alert and united," he said. He also listed out several other schemes by his government that have benefited women.

Asserting that "Modi was the guarantee of fulfilment of every guarantee", he compared the Congress to rusted iron, and alleged that it was a company that was outsourcing everything to "urban Naxals".

"First the Congress was ruined, now it became bankrupt and now the Congress has given its contract to others. The Congress is no longer being run by Congress leaders. Now the Congress has become such a company in which everything from slogans to policies is being outsourced. And do you know who has received this contract? The Congress's contract is now with some urban Naxals," the Prime Minister said.

Taking a dig at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi without naming him, he said that for those born with a silver spoon, "the life of poor people is like an adventure tourism and picnic and the poor person's agriculture field is a place for video shooting and photo session". Mr. Modi warned the people of the election-bound State not to support the Congress as it would make Madhya Pradesh a BIMARU (acronym used for underdeveloped States in the past) again.

Rally in Jaipur

Addressing a rally in Jaipur, Mr. Modi said the Congress government in Rajasthan deserved to get "zero marks" for its administration steeped in corruption, inefficiency and appeasement.

The Prime Minister was addressing a BJP rally at Dadiya village near Jaipur on the completion of the party's Parivartan Yatras taken out from the four corners of the State. Calling upon the people to bring the BJP back to power, Mr. Modi said the Congress dispensation had patronised the mafia involved in leaking the question papers of recruitment examinations.

In a reference to the Kanhaiya Lal murder case of Udaipur in 2022, Mr. Modi said no industrialist would be willing to invest in a State where incidents of beheading took place openly and the ruling party was sympathetic towards the terrorists. The BJP had earlier accused the State government of making a weak representation in the Rajasthan High Court, leading to acquittal of four accused in the 2008 Jaipur blasts.

Mr. Modi lashed out at the Opposition parties over DMK leader Udhayanidhi Stalin's remarks on *Sanatana Dharma* and said INDIA wanted to destroy the country's roots.

Congress hits back at PM, asks when women's quota will be implemented

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

Countering Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address to BJP workers in Bhopal on Monday, the Congress said Mr. Modi had not been able to showcase even one scheme of the Shivraj Singh Chouhan government, which has been in power for 18 years. It alleged that Mr. Chouhan's government was mired in "scams and corruption".

Randeep Surjewala, Congress general secretary in charge of Madhya Pradesh, also responded to Mr. Modi's jibe that the Congress had outsourced its functioning to "urban Naxals". He also raised questions on the implementation of Women's reservation Bill. "The Shivraj Singh government, in connivance with contractors, has sacrificed the future of Madhya Pradesh at the altar of corruption," Mr. Surjewala said.

He said that Mr. Modi had washed his hands of Mr. Chouhan. "The Prime Minister didn't even name even one scheme of the government that has been in power for 18 years. It is clear that he wants to avoid Shivraj government," he said. Quoting the Prime Minister from his statement that first-time voters in the State had seen growth and development, the Congress leader said the youth had seen the Vyapam scam or corruption allegations in the body that holds 23 professional exams; witnessed the sight of question papers for recruiting *patwaris* (revenue officials) being sold at ₹15 lakh; and unemployment of 70 lakh youth in the 18-to-23 age group.

Randeep Surjewala

Highlights issues

Further, he said the state of education had been so poor in Madhya Pradesh that 26,000 government schools did not have electricity; 29,000 schools had been shut down; and about nine lakh students had been struck off from the enrolment list. "In 18 years, there have been 19,000 cases of unemployed [youth] and students dying by suicide," Mr. Surjewala said.

The Congress leader said that of the 82 lakh women beneficiaries of the Ujjwala scheme, which provides free LPG gas connection for cooking, as many 44 lakh women did not refill their cylinders. He attacked the Prime Minister for praising the Ayushman Bharat scheme. "I wish he had read the CAG [Comptroller and Auditor-General's report] that said during COVID, the Shivraj government had treated even the dead," he said.

Mr. Surjewala drew attention to what he claimed was "declining incomes for farmers in the State and growing issue of crimes against Dalits and tribals".

On a day when Mr. Modi cast aspersions on the INDIA bloc with regard to the women's reservation Bill, the Congress held a press conferences across 21 cities. He also dared Mr. Modi to provide a date for the implementation of women's reservation.

"Nothing is going to be given in the next 10 years and it [women's reservation] seems like another *jumla* [empty rhetoric]," he said.

Seven sitting MPs in BJP second list for Madhya Pradesh Assembly polls

Shubhomoy Sikdar
RAIPUR

Among the 39 candidates named, six are women, 10 are from ST and four are from SC community

The Bharatiya Janata Party's second list of candidates for the Madhya Pradesh Assembly election due later this year is a power-packed one.

Seven sitting Lok Sabha MPs – three of them Union Ministers – and one national general secretary were among the 39 named on Monday.

Among the Union Ministers are Narendra Singh Tomar from the Dimani seat of Morena, Prahlad Singh Patel from Narsinghpur and Faggan Singh Kulaste from Niwas have been fielded. Mr. Tomar, who holds the Agriculture portfolio at the Centre, is also the party's election management committee convener for Madhya Pradesh. Mr. Patel and Mr. Kulaste are both Ministers of State.

In further indication of the party anticipating a tough fight in 2023, the BJP has fielded four of its other MPs – Rakesh Singh from Jabalpur West, Ganesh Singh from Satna, Reeti Pathak from Sidhi and Uday Pratap Singh from Gadarwara.

Vivek Bunty Sahu has been fielded from Chhindwara, a seat currently represented by the Congress's chief ministerial face Kamal Nath.

Imarti Devi and Ms. Patak are among the six women who feature in the list. Ten candidates are from the Scheduled Tribes while four are from the Scheduled Castes category.

The move comes over a month after the party declared its first list of 39 candidates. Sources had earlier said that the party had prepared the list shortly after the first but delayed the announcement as its Jan Aashrwad Yatras were in progress.

BJP chief meets Bidhuri over his use of communal slurs against BSP MP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Amid a controversy over Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Ramesh Bidhuri's use of communal slurs in the Lok Sabha on Thursday against Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) MP Danish Ali, party president J.P. Nadda is said to have met Mr. Bidhuri, seeking an explanation over his use of these words.

Mr. Bidhuri met Mr. Nadda at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi, days after he was issued a show-cause notice by the party for his remarks. Earlier, many Opposition parties, including the Congress, and Mr. Ali had written to Speaker Om Birla, requesting him to refer his remarks to the Privileges Committee for an investigation.

Ramesh Bidhuri

Party notice to MP

There was no official word on what transpired at the meeting. But the meet assumes significance as the BJP has served a notice on Mr. Bidhuri for his remarks and at the same time several BJP MPs like Nishikant Dubey and Sudhanshu Trivedi have written to Mr. Birla, alleging that Mr. Ali "instigated" Mr. Bidhuri and sought a probe into Mr. Ali's statement as well.

The situation within the BJP with regard to Mr. Bidhuri is a mix of dismay and defensiveness. Some MPs are defending his use of communal slurs. The leaders, however, understand that Mr. Bidhuri's utterances have cast a pall over the actual achievement of the Special Session of Parliament – the passage of the women's reservation Bill.

Nitish rules out JD(U)'s return to NDA

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar denied rumours of returning to the National Democratic Alliance. He said he was focused on boosting the INDIA bloc.

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Tender No: 01/CE/NKICDL/2023-24 Dated: 26-09-2023

Chief Engineer (NKICDL) – NICDIT Krishnapatnam Industrial City Development Limited invites bids for the following works on EPC bid system.

Name of the work	ECV (INR.Crores)	Due Date
Design, Construction, Testing, Commissioning and Operation & Maintenance of Infrastructure Works at Krishnapatnam Node under Chennai Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (CBIC) "On EPC Basis" ● Roads, Utilities and Area Landscaping ● Roads including cross drainage structures, bridges, and area landscaping ● Potable water supply ● network including ● Firefighting System ● Recycle Water Supply network ● Storm water drainage ● Residential Sewage Network ● Industrial Effluent collection network ● Power ● Sewage/ Effluent ● Pumping Stations and ● Rising Main ● Water Treatment Plant (WTP) ● Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) ● Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) ● Defect Liability/Operations & Maintenance period of 4 years from the date of issue of completion certificate for construction works.	INR 1021.41 Cr. (Inclusive of O & M and exclusive of GST)	1. Date of publication: 26.09.2023. 2. Pre Bid Meeting: 04.10.2023 at 11:30 AM. 3. Last date for receiving clarifications: 04.10.2023 up to 17:00 hrs 4. Last date and Time for submission of proposal for receipt of bids: 09.11.2023 up to 15:00 hrs.

Note: (1) The submission of both Technical bid with all enclosures and Price bid will be on the electronic procurement platform of Andhra Pradesh i.e. https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in. (2) The details of eligibility criteria and bid document can be downloaded from website: https://www.apeprocurement.gov.in/ (or) https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in/.The tender notice can be seen at the website https://kriscity.in/; https://www.apiic.in.

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Applications are invited for the following posts on direct recruitment basis.

S.No.	Name of the Post	Pay Level	Classifications	No. of Posts
1.	TECHNICAL ASSISTANT	Level-6 in Pay Matrix Rs.35,400-1,12,400	Group-B Technical (Non-Ministerial)	33 Posts
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Detailed Recruitment Notification is available on the websites of NIE **https://nie.gov.in** and ICMR **https://icmr.nic.in.** The details of online application link and last date of receipt of application will be published shortly as addendum. Any changes will be notified as corrigendum only in the websites of NIE/ICMR.

Director

INBRIEF

Onion traders continue their strike, to meet Minister today

The stand-off between onion traders and the State government continued for the fifth day in Nashik on Monday, causing disruptions in the auction of the produce in the Agriculture Produce Market Committees. Sources say that under normal circumstances, transactions of ₹35 crore to ₹40 crore take place daily in Nashik. With no auctions for over five days, the market has incurred an estimated loss of nearly ₹170 crore. From Monday, traders have decided to halt the dispatching of previously purchased stock too. Representatives of the Nashik District Onion Traders' Association are scheduled to meet Maharashtra Marketing Minister Abdul Sattar in Mumbai on Tuesday.

Need for localising climate agenda, says Hardeep Puri

Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Monday said that cities need to reduce dependence on Central funds for their financial needs to address climate change. Addressing the first Urban Shift Forum (Asia) programme, he said there was a need to complement traditional revenue streams with innovative instruments and more diverse access to finance for climate action at the urban level. He observed that for cities in the Global South, it is critical to localise the climate agendas. "No discussion on urban planning can be removed from fiscal health. Cities depend heavily on Central grants. This needs to change," he added.

Interpol issues Red Notice against BKI terrorist

The Interpol issued a Red Notice against alleged Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) terrorist Karanvir Singh on the request of Indian enforcement agencies. The 38-year-old accused, who is suspected to have fled to Pakistan, is originally from Kapurthala in Punjab. The BKI is headed by Wadhawa Singh. Its network is spread across Pakistan, India, Europe, the U.K. and the U.S. According to the notice, Singh faces allegations of criminal conspiracy, murder, offences related to Arms Act and Explosive Substances Act, raising funds for terrorist act, and being a member of terrorist gang .

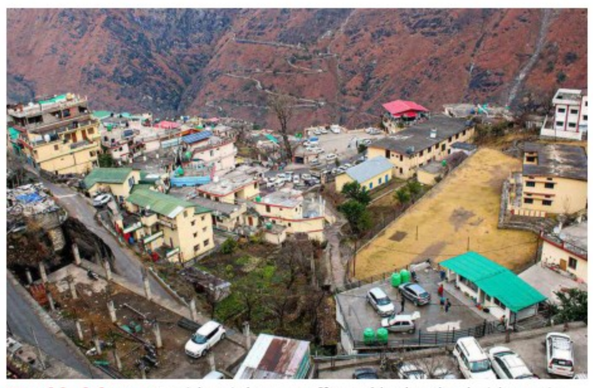
SC gives no relief to ex-soldier in Official Secrets Act case

The Supreme Court on Monday allowed a retired Indian Army officer to withdraw his appeal to quash a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) case accusing him of outing secret information about India's the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), in his book released 16 years ago. A Bench said it would not entertain the plea by Major-General V.K. Singh and advised him to approach the trial court seeking discharge from the 2007 case under the Official Secrets Act of 1923. The Bench said in its decision that the trial court would decide Mr. Singh's application for discharge without being influenced by the observations made in the High Court order.

Eight institutes give an array of reasons for Joshimath sinking

Seismic activities, construction loopholes, population pressure, poor drainage system are among the factors cited; the reports were made public only after the Uttarakhand High Court last week questioned the State for not disclosing them

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI


Tumbled down: Residential areas affected by land subsidence in Joshimath on January 12. PTI

Separate studies conducted by eight premier institutions of India to know the cause of land subsidence in Joshimath town of Uttarakhand attributed seismic activities, construction loopholes, population pressure, poor drainage system and others as the 'likely' reason for the sinking of the Himalayan town.

With every study conducted with a different approach, these reports reaffirmed the sensitivity of the area but nothing concrete has come out on what exactly went wrong in January, experts say.

The Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG), the National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI), the National Institute of Hydrology (NIH), the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee, the Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS), the Geological Survey of India (GSI), the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) and the Central Building Research Institute (CBRI) were given the mandate to identify the causes of land subsidence by the government. The reports of these institutions were submitted earlier this year, but they were made public after the Uttarakhand High Court last week questioned the State for hiding them.

CBRI report

In its report, the CBRI stated that Joshimath town has 44%, 42%, 14% of masonry, RCC and other (traditional, hybrid) construction typologies, respectively, among which 99% are non-engineered. It means they are not in compliance with the National Building Code of India, 2016.

"Joshimath town is situated on Vaikrita groups of rocks overlain by morainic deposits which are composed of irregular boulders and clay of varying thicknesses. Such deposits are less cohesive and susceptible to slow subsidence and landslide subsidence," the CBRI said. There is a history of creeping and occasional subsidence in the region and what happened in December 2022-January 2023 was another such event, it said.

The Roorkee-based NIH, in its report, said that maps of various springs, drainage network and areas of subsidence infer that land subsidence and subsurface water in Joshimath might have some connections.

"The isotopic and water quality signature of the samples taken from NTPC sites differs from the JP site as well as drains and springs in the nearby area of Joshimath. The bacteriological analysis also suggested that the gush water is fresh water and not contaminated by the local drains," the report suggested giving a clean chit to the NTPC whose construction activities were being dubbed as one of the biggest reason for land subsidence.

The institution hence recommended the safe disposal of the water coming from the upper reaches and waste disposal as the top priority.

The WIHG mentioned earthquakes as a reason for slow and gradual land subsidence.

"The main reason for the subsidence appears to be internal erosion caused by the subsurface drainage, which may be due to infiltration of rainwater/melting of ice/wastewater discharge from household and hotels. Though subsidence is continuous phenomenon, it can be minimised by controlling infiltration of water, which helps in minimising the internal erosion," the report of the IIT said.

After an analysis by the Small BAseline Subset Interferometry SAR Technique, the ISRO stated that the subsidence in the Joshimath region may be due to toe-cutting phenomenon, slope instability as a result of seepage of local drainage water in the soil, terrain and edaphic characteristics, loose and unconsolidated moraine materials of the slope (due to old landslide) and flash flood events in and around the area in the recent past. This has resulted in development of cracks in the ground as well as houses in Joshimath town.

Mallika Bhanot, an environment activist, said that in 2012 after the Ukhimath disaster, there was a clear recommendation by the State Disaster Management Department to stop blasting in the vicinity of Joshimath. The report had asked to regulate infrastructure development.

Geologist Navin Juyal termed the reports of the eight institutions 'old wine in a new bottle'. "These reports clearly said all that had been said 46 years ago in the M.C. Mishra Committee report," he said.

ISRO tests engine for Gaganyaan mission

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Indian Space Research Organisation has successfully completed the CE20 E13 engine hot test for Gaganyaan qualification and 22-tonne thrust qualification.

The engine was tested at the ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC), Mahendragiri on September 22.

The CE20 engine is a vital component, serving as the powerhouse of the Cryogenic Upper Stage (CUS) responsible for propelling the upper stage (C25) of the LVM3 vehicle. It has demonstrated its capability by successfully operating at a thrust level of 19 tonnes in six successive LVM3 missions and two commercial OneWeb missions.

"To enhance the payload capacity of the LVM3 vehicle, ISRO is upgrading the CE20 engine. The upper cryogenic stage is being transformed into the C32 stage with increased propellant loading capacity, and the engine is being modified to operate at a higher thrust level of 22 tonnes," the space agency said. The Test Vehicle D-1/Crew Escape System mission of Gaganyaan is likely to be conducted in October.

DGCA says it can't get into pilot contracts of Akasa Air

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has informed the Delhi High Court that it cannot interfere in the employment agreement between pilots and Akasa Air.

The airline, which operated its first commercial flight in August 2022, has said it was in a state of crisis following the sudden resignation of 43 pilots who left without serving the mandatory notice period.

In response to the petition, the DGCA said it would be in the interest of the parties that Akasa Air complies with the aviation regulator's mandate to maintain a limited schedule if it does not have the required number of pilots to maintain flight operations.

Railways tightens safety rules, asks IRCTC to arrange catering facility for private coaches

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

Major clampdown: The Indian Railways seeks to discourage passengers from carrying stoves on trains. G. MOORTHY

The Indian Railways has tightened safety rules in the operation of private trains and coaches by issuing fresh guidelines for catering services and security checks.

While the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has been assigned the task of providing food to passengers aboard private trains and coaches booked on full tariff rate (FTR), security and railway staff will conduct pre-departure checks to prevent carriage of inflammable items such as gas cylinders.

The move is to prevent and discourage passengers from carrying stoves for cooking on trains.

The decision comes a month after a private coach transporting pilgrims went up in flames in Madurai, leaving nine passengers dead and a few others injured.

Preliminary investigation revealed that a gas cylinder exploded when a passenger tried making coffee in the coach that was detached from a regular express train and moved to the yard side during the early hours of August 26.

According to official sources, the Railway Board has written to the Managing Director, IRCTC, and Principal Chief Commercial Managers of all Zonal Railways about a decision that catering facilities on all private trains and in coaches would be arranged by the IRCTC.

In cases where a full train with a pantry car is taken, the booking party could either order food through the IRCTC or utilise the catering facilities in the pantry strictly complying with the rules and regulations of the Railways.

If flameless pantry cars are unavailable, catering services will have to be booked through the IRCTC

Flameless cooking

On such trains, pantries with flameless cooking facilities would only be provided.

Where flameless pantry cars were not available, the catering services would have to be mandatorily booked through the IRCTC, the sources said.

The Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS) and the IRCTC were told to develop an option in the FTR booking module to upload passenger manifest 24 hours before the scheduled departure of the train, the sources said.

Onus on travel agent

The travel agent or booking party would have to ensure that boarding and deboarding of passengers is done as per the tour programme already submitted to ensure platform facility.

At halts *en route* for operational purposes, the Railways would ensure provision of platform or siding to enable boarding and de-boarding of passengers or stabling the coach.

Senior Railway and IRCTC officers were directed to check compliance of the new guidelines that would come into immediate effect, the sources added.

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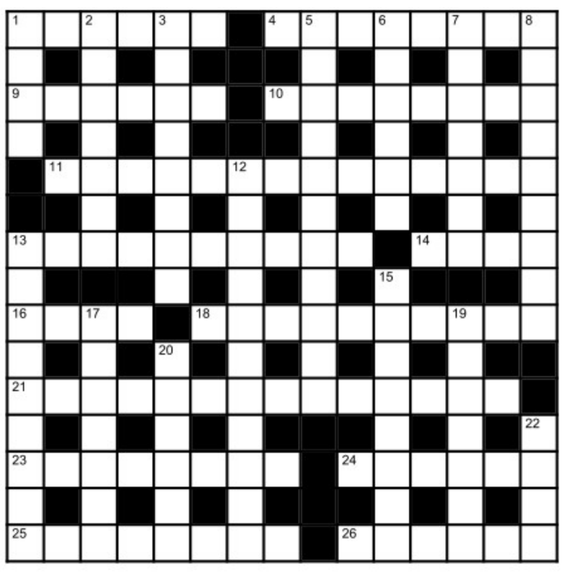

Across

1 Educated student lost and made money (6)
4 Primarily a round object not fully closed inside (5,3)
9 Anointed after king's annoyed (6)
10 Marching band entertains friend (8)
11 Average inns not prepared for meat eaters (3-11)
13 Totals set to stay intact (4,2,4)
14 Starts to feel elated, nursing Indian liquor (4)
16 Excavates cracks (4)
18 Ordering unfinished bouquet is so servile (10)
21 Important directions from bird shows? (8,6)
23 Periodic movement in cattle, eating quietly, leaving hot shelter (4,4)
24 Reverend demands two beverages for exercise (6)
25 Essay on Arabs protecting Japanese for so long (8)
26 Leaders of countries yield control locally ending some revolutions (6)

Down

1 See 2
2/1 Justification of reader is not wrong (6,5)
3 Never eat pie or sap (8)
5 Rest of the day in Miss India's regimen? (6,5)
6 Essentially help to fill defunct device with oil on top - it's sticky (6)
7 Upset by soldier in American gallery (7)
8 Record one with audio tapes in the delivery area (9)
12 Organ in ball dancing held in grand scale (4,7)
13 Drugs curing endemics around India (9)
15 Busy Rani luckily picks up stuff related to cooking (8)
17 Young leader gets close to people ultimately in relevant state (7)
19 Model drops to third position in recent visual (7)
20 Adventurer seen in comics with money box (6)
22 Victories in matches starting late (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Vishnupurana's greatness

Puranas are created in a question-and-answer format. The questions will be simple, but the explanations will be in detail. Velukudi Sri Krishnan Swamy said in a discourse that though puranas are ancient, they contain helpful information and valuable guidance essential for modern day-to-day life.

Sri Parasara Maharshi, the grandson of sage Vasishta, had written Vishnupurana, which contains about 6,000 slokas. The sage clarifies all the doubts raised by Maithreya.

Among the various stotras, the Stotra Ratnam of Sri Alavandar, the Dwayamanthra of the three rahasya mantras, Manusastra of all the dharma sastras, Purusha Suktha in the Vedas, Srimath Bhagavad Gita in the Mahabharatha and Vishnupurana among all puranas are considered to be great.

It is said that those who get an opportunity to listen to Vishnupurana will have no rebirth. Hearing Vishnupurana is more sacred than visiting holy places such as Kasi or Pushkar. It helps a person get closer to God. Sri Bhagavad Gita Chapter 10 sloka 9 (*Mathchitta: math gatha pranaa:*) says, "With their minds focused on me, with their pranas centred in me, they live in contentment and bliss at all times".

BEIJING

Nepal, China sign 12 agreements during Prachanda's visit to Beijing

AP

China and Nepal on Monday signed 12 agreements, including seven MoUs, to enhance bilateral cooperation in various sectors including trade and road connectivity coinciding with the visit of Nepalese Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal "Prachanda" amid reports that he was not inclined to sign up Beijing's new security doctrine. PTI

ROME

Mafia boss Messina Denaro dies, taking his secrets with him

AP

Sicilian Mafia boss Matteo Messina Denaro, captured in January after three decades on the run, died in hospital in central Italy, taking to the grave the secrets of his brutal reign. Messina Denaro was one of the most ruthless bosses in Cosa Nostra, the real-life Sicilian crime syndicate depicted in the *Godfather* movies. AFP

HAVANA

Cuban embassy in Washington attacked with Molotov cocktails

AP

Cuba's embassy in Washington was attacked by a man using two Molotov cocktails on Sunday night, the country's Foreign Minister said, describing the incident as a "terrorist attack". This was the second attack against the Cuban mission in Washington in recent years, after a man opened fire on the building in April 2020. AFP

KYIV

Ukraine says Russian Black Sea Fleet Commander killed

REUTERS

Ukraine's Special Forces said on Monday that Admiral Viktor Sokolov, the commander of Russia's Black Sea Fleet, had been killed in a Ukrainian attack last week on the fleet headquarters in the Crimean port of Sevastopol. The Russian Defence Ministry declined to comment on the development. REUTERS

Writers' union reaches deal with Hollywood studios

Associated Press
LOS ANGELES

Screenwriters' union leaders and Hollywood studios have reached a tentative agreement to end a historic strike after nearly five months, raising hopes that a crippling shutdown of film and television filming is near an end.

Actors remain on strike, but movement on the writers' demands could mean that the actors will find a resolution soon as well.

The Writers Guild of America announced the deal on Sunday in a joint statement with the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, the group that represents studios, streaming services and production companies in negotiations. The agreement must be approved by the guild's board and members before the strike officially ends.

Picketing ends

The writers were told the strike is not over and no one was to return to work until hearing otherwise, but picketing is to be suspended immediately.

The terms of the three-year contract agreement were not immediately announced.

As a result of the agreement, shares of entertainment companies went up and nightly network shows including NBC's *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon* and ABC's *Jimmy Kimmel Live!* could return to the air within days.

Solidarity move: SAG-AFTRA members walk the picket line as members of the Screen Actors Guild strike in New York in July. AFP

Philippines removes China's barrier in disputed shoal

The rope and net barrier was put up by Chinese coast guard vessels last week; China responds by saying it 'has indisputable sovereignty' in the Scarborough Shoal and its adjacent waters

Associated Press
MANILA

The Philippine coast guard said on Monday it has complied with a presidential order to remove a floating barrier placed by China's coast guard to prevent Filipino fishing boats from entering a lagoon in a disputed shoal in the South China Sea.

Philippine officials condemned the installation of the 300-metre-long barrier at the entrance to the lagoon at Scarborough Shoal as a violation of international law and their Southeast Asian nation's sovereignty. The Philippine coast guard's report that it has removed the barrier underscores intensifying Philippine efforts to fight China's increasingly aggressive actions, against many odds, in one of the world's most hotly contested waters.

Chinese coast guard vessels laid the rope and net barrier, held up by buoys, last week as a Philippine government fisheries vessel approached and more than 50 Philippine fishing boats swarmed outside the shoal, the Philippine coast guard said.

Obstacle course: A Philippines coast guard member cuts a rope attached to a floating barrier in the Scarborough Shoal. AFP

The Philippine coast guard said on Monday night that it has successfully removed the floating barrier in a "special operation" in compliance with the order of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. It did not provide other details like if the entire barrier was removed and when, and how Chinese coast guard ships, which have closely guarded the shoal for years, reacted.

"The decisive action of the Philippine coast guard to remove the barrier aligns with international law and the Philippines' sovereignty over the shoal," the coast guard said. "The PCG remains committed to upholding international law, safeguarding the welfare of Filipino fisherfolk and protecting the rights of the Philippines in its territorial waters."

Fishing rights breached

Earlier on Monday, Philippine National Security Adviser Eduardo Ano said that "the placement by the People's Republic of China of a barrier violates the traditional fishing rights of our fishermen.

Mr. Ano said that the Philippines "will take all appropriate actions to cause the removal of the barriers and to protect the rights of our fishermen in the area."

In Beijing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said the shoal and its adjacent waters are "China's inherent territory," where Beijing "has indisputable sovereignty."

A Philippine government fisheries vessel "trespassed into the waters" without China's permission on September 22, Mr. Wang said, and "attempted to intrude into the lagoon" of the shoal. "China's coast guard took the necessary measures to stop and warn off the ship in accordance with the law," he added.

It's the latest flare-up in long-simmering territorial disputes in the busy and resource-rich waterway, most of which is claimed by China. The Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei and Taiwan are involved with China in the conflicts, which have long been regarded as a potential Asian flashpoint and a delicate fault line in the U.S.-China rivalry in the region.

Canada Speaker 'sorry' for honouring Nazi-linked veteran

Agence France-Presse
MONTREAL

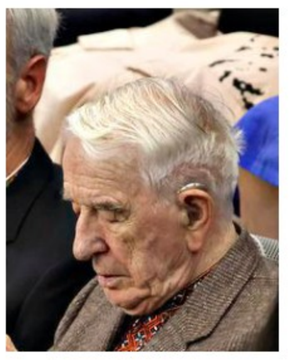
The Speaker of Canada's Parliament apologised on Sunday after he singled out a Ukrainian veteran alleged to have fought for the Nazis during World War II for a standing ovation during a visit by Ukraine's leader.

The applause came as President Volodymyr Zelenskyy visited the Canadian Parliament on Friday, as Speaker of the House Anthony Rota paid homage to Yaroslav Hunka, a 98-year-old Ukrainian immigrant.

Mr. Rota hailed Mr. Hunka as "a Ukrainian Canadian war veteran from the Second World War who fought for Ukrainian independence against the Russians" and "a Ukrainian hero and a Canadian hero."

The remarks ignore "the horrific fact that Hunka served in the 14th Waffen Grenadier Division of the SS, a Nazi military unit whose crimes against humanity during the Holocaust are well-documented," the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center (FSWC) said Sunday.

The Jewish advocacy group called the incident "shocking" and "incredibly disturbing".



Yaroslav Hunka

"An apology is owed to every Holocaust survivor and veteran of the Second World War who fought the Nazis, and an explanation must be provided as to how this individual entered the hallowed halls of Canadian Parliament and received recognition from the Speaker of the House and a standing ovation," it continued.

Mr. Rota, a Liberal MP, apologised on Sunday, saying that he had "subsequently become aware of more information" which caused him to "regret" his recognition of Mr. Hunka.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's office denied any involvement in the affair, reiterating its independence from that of the Speaker of the House.

Following India, U.S. raises concerns over Chinese vessel's visit with Sri Lanka government

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

Following India, the U.S. has raised concern with the Ranil Wickremesinghe administration, over the scheduled visit of a Chinese research vessel to Sri Lanka in October, Colombo-based media has reported.

In a recent meeting with Sri Lanka's Foreign Minister Ali Sabry, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Victoria Nuland took up the coming visit of Chinese research vessel *Shi Yan 6* to Sri Lanka, the *Daily Mirror* newspaper reported on Monday. Reportedly, Mr. Sabry reassured the American official that Colombo would adhere to a "Standard Operating Procedure" that the government has recently finalised, for all foreign vessels intending to call at a Sri Lankan port.

New Delhi had recently raised the matter with a top Sri Lankan official, Colombo-based sources told *The Hindu*.

While Sri Lanka's Ministry of Defence has made its recommendation on the vessel's visit to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, an official comment from the Foreign Ministry is awaited. According to local media, defence authorities have cleared the visit.

Earlier this month, China's state-run news channel CGTN reported that "Chinese geophysical scientific research vessel *Shiyan 6*" or (Experiment 6) was heading out on an "expeditionary voyage" in the eastern area of the Indian Ocean, departing from Guangzhou, south China's Guangdong Province. "Organised by the South China Sea Institute of Oceanology (SCSIO) under the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the vessel is scheduled to operate at sea for 80 days with 28 scientific research projects from 13 research teams onboard, covering a range of more than 12,000 nautical miles (roughly 22,200 km)," it said.

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Strong reservation

Sri Lanka's National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency (NARA), said to be a partner in the vessel's research activities in Sri Lankan waters, earlier stated that the data collected during the process would be in its possession. The research vessel's scheduled visit will come months after another Chinese warship docked at the Colombo port for a few days. The visits assume significance after Chinese military ship *Yuan Wang 5* arrived at Sri Lanka's Hambantota port in August last year, despite India and the U.S. expressing strong reservation at the time. China maintained that it was "completely unjustified for certain countries to cite the so-called 'security concerns' to pressure Sri Lanka".

Colombo's decision to allow the visit last year – after deferring it by five days – strained diplomatic ties with New Delhi, at a time when India extended unprecedented economic relief to the island nation that was experiencing its worst financial meltdown. Subsequently, President Wickremesinghe and top officials form the Sri Lankan side repeatedly sought to reassure India that Sri Lanka will ensure that its territory is not used for any activity that could threaten India's security interests.

Meanwhile, the High Commission of India in Colombo recently organised a curtain raiser to the Global Maritime India Summit (GMIS) to be held in India from October 17 to 19 in Mumbai. Sri Lanka's Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation Nimal Siripala de Silva, who was Chief Guest at the event, emphasised the importance of "close collaboration, exchange of knowledge and adaptation of new technology for growth of the maritime sector", according to a statement from the Indian mission.

Petronet LNG Limited

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)
FOR SELECTION OF CONTRACTOR FOR SUPPLY & INSTALLATION
OF CISCO MERAKI NETWORK SWITCHES WITH BUYBACK AT PETRONET LNG LIMITED, DAHEJ

Interested parties are requested to visit our website **www.petronetlng.in** for detailed eligibility criteria along with other necessary details for issuance of Tender document.

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MISSING

Abdul Salam (Age: 44/23) S/O Kunjimuhammed Veerassery House below Thiruvambady PO Kozhikode went to Saudi Arabia for work in October 2007 and he is missing from 2011. A case has been registered as CR No. 190/2023 U/S 57 of KP Act at Thiruvambady Police Station and investigation is being conducted those who have any information about him, please contact the following phone numbers.

Identification Marks
Height - 155 CM, Fair Colour, A white mole on the left eye.
SHO Thiruvambady PS - 9497947246
Thiruvambady PS 04952252038
Investigation Officer 9497980793
RO/02239/F2/2023/I&PRD

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : SE/PHC/MPM/159 to 164/2023-24 JJM-Malappuram District - CWSS to Edappal and adj. Gps Construction of OHSR, UWSS to Anakkayam- Construction of 5MLD WTP, OHSR,CWSS to Wandoor and adj. GPs- Construction of OHSR, Providing FHTCs to Wandoor GP and Distribution Networks, WSS to Cheekode and ad. GPs-Providing Balance Distribution and FHTCs to Cherukavu and Pulikkal GPs, Road Restoration,WSS to Thriprangode and adj. GPs Construction of OHSRs, Pumping Main, Road Restoration. **EMD :** Rs. 200000 to 500000 **Tender fee :** Rs. 11025 to 16540 **Last Date for submitting Tender :** 09-10-2023 03:00:pm **Phone :** 04832734871
Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**
Superintending Engineer
PH Circle Malappuram
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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, JEYPORE (R&B) CIRCLE, JEYPORE.
e-mail ID - supenger_rbjyp@yahoo.co.in; Phone No.-06854-231528
GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)- Bid Identification No.C.C.E.J.C(R&B)-26/2023-24
No. 5006, Date. 22.09.2023

1.	Nature of the Work	: BRIDGE WORKS
2.	Total No. of Works	: 03 (Three) Nos.
3.	Estimated Cost	: Rs.4.19 Crs. To 6.96 Crs. as per works
4.	Period of completion	: 10 (Ten) Months to 11(Eleven) Months as per works.
5.	Cost of Bid Document	: Rs.10,000/-
6.	Bid Security (EMD)	: Rs.4.19 Lac to 6.96 lac (As per column no.06 of IFB)
7.	Class of Contractor	: "A" & "Special" Class as per cl no.05 of TCN & according to Financial Eligibility
8.	Date & time of availability of bid document in the portal.	: From 12.00 hours of 26.09.2023 to 17.00 hours of 10.10.2023.
9.	Last date / Time for receipt of bids in the Portal.	: 17.00 hours of 10.10.2023.
10.	Opening date of Bid	: 10.00 hours of 11.10.2023
11.	Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid	: Chief Construction Engineer, Jeypore (R&B) Circle, Jeypore.

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal https://tendersodisha.gov.in .
Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.
Chief Construction Engineer, Jeypore (R&B) Circle, Jeypore.
B-946: OIPR-34108/11/0029/2324

Government of Kerala
Published Tenders from 21-09-2023 to 24-09-2023
Directorate of Homoeopathy
Tender ID: 2023_DH_604300_1 * MANAGING DIRECTOR * TENDER FOR SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, COMMISSIONING AND VALIDATIO * Closing Date: 16-Oct-2023 * PAC: Rs23824000
Visit **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in** for more details.
Ro.No:21-24/Sep/2023/PRD/(N)7

By E_Mail/e-Despatch
E_Mail ID: serw_balasore@yahoo.in; Ph-No-06782/260318, Balia,Balasore
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BALASORE
"e" - Procurement Notice for Bridge Work
Identification No.- Online Tender- Bridge NCB No. 43 of 2023-24
Letter No: -4229 / WE Date: 21.09.2023

1.	Name of the Work	: Bridge works.
2.	Total No. of Work	: 05 Nos. (Five)
3.	Estimated Cost	: As per annexure
4.	Eligible Class of Contractor	: As per annexure
5.	Period of Completion	: As per annexure
6.	Other Details	:-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O C.C.E., R.W.Circle, Balasore Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Balasore.	NCB No.- 43 of 2023-24	28.09.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	12.10.2023 Up to 5.00 P.M.	11.10.2023 Up to 5.00 P.M.	13.10.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

- Further details can be seen from the website : www.tendersodisha.gov.in

S/d -Er.N.V. Harihar Rao, Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Balasore.
O-1101: OIPR-25105/11/0050/2324

SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED
CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027
Date Corrigendum

SL. NO.	Name of Project	E-Tender ID	PAC Amount in Rs. (Exclusive Of GST)	Bid Submission Last Date
1	Selection of EPC contractor for the supply, installation, testing & commissioning of Solar fed EV charging station including Annual Maintenance for the first 5 years from the date of handing over after successful commissioning at any one location allocated by SCTL under Trivandrum Municipal Corporation	2023_SCTLT_598449_1	Rs.95,41,460/-	16.10.2023
2	Selection of EPC contractor for the design, ITC of Grid Tied Rooftop SPV Power plants, with a capacity of 30 kWp including 0 and M for first 5 years from the date of successful commissioning at DPI building at Jagathy, TVPM	2023_SCTLT_602524_1	Rs.16,17,630/-	16.10.2023

Date and Time of Opening Price Bid: To Be Intimated Separately to Technically Qualified Bidders by e-mail. All the RFP documents and details are available on the e-Procurement Website. Bids are only accepted online on the Website **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in**
(sd/-) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM Ltd.

INBRIEF

Lectrix EV to double Manesar unit capacity in six months

Gurugram-based Lectrix EV has drawn up plans to double the production capacity of its e-two wheelers and the number of dealers by FY24, said MD & CEO K. Vijaya Kumar. On Monday, the EV arm of SAR Group, which is known for brands such as Luminous, Livguard and Livfast, announced its entry into Tamil Nadu with the introduction of e-two wheelers - LXS G2.0 and G3.0 with 93 features. The vehicles are priced at ₹1 lakh and ₹1.30 lakh respectively.

Refex to buy 2,000 e-cars for third-party office transport

Refex Green Mobility is planning to invest ₹240 crore by March 2024 for purchase of 2,000 electric cars for providing third party employee transportation services in Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad and Pune, MD Anil Jain said. On Monday, Refex Group announced the commencement of its new business venture 'eVeelz' in Chennai. The service was flagged off by Deputy Mayor Mahesh Kumar. The company has moved into its own premises in T. Nagar.

Aditya Birla Finance to raise up to ₹2,000 cr. via NCD issue

Aditya Birla Finance Ltd. (ABFL), a subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Ltd., said it will raise up to ₹2,000 crore through a public issue of non-convertible debentures (NCDs). On Monday, the company announced a public issue of NCDs for an amount up to ₹1,000 crore with an option to retain oversubscription up to ₹ 1,000 crore. The issue will open on Wednesday (September 27) and close on Thursday (October 12), with an option of early closure.

Banks to attract more global investment, says S&P Global

Higher credit growth, improved margins and stable asset quality boosting lenders' prospects, says the market intelligence provider; private sector banks drawing a bulk of foreign investors' capital

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Indian banks are set to draw increasing global investment from investors looking for better returns as higher credit growth, improved margins and stable asset quality boost lenders' prospects, S&P Global Market Intelligence said in a report.

As per S&P Global, the total market value of foreign institutional investors' holdings in Indian banks had risen in recent years to ₹8.36 trillion as of June 30, from ₹7.71 trillion a year earlier. "This is a significant rise from the ₹6.73 trillion figure in June 2020," the market intelligence provider said.

Big draw

Foreign investors have been increasing their holdings of Indian private lenders, S&P Global Market Intelligence data show

- Market value of FIIs' holdings in Indian banks had risen to ₹8.36 trillion as of June 30, from ₹7.71 trillion a year earlier
- 93.5% of the value of FIIs' bank holdings concentrated in the biggest private sector banks
- U.S.-based Capital Research and Management tops list of foreign investors

The majority of FII holdings – 93.5% of the value as of June 30 – was concentrated in the biggest private-sector banks, S&P Global's data show.

Top investees for FIIs include ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and Kotak Mahindra.

The market value of FIIs' holdings in private-sector banks rose to ₹7.82 trillion as of June from ₹7.29 trillion a year earlier.

The market value of FIIs' holdings in Indian state-owned banks clocked in at ₹541 billion as of June.

U.S.-based Capital Research and Management topped the list of foreign investors in Indian banks, followed by BlackRock.

Banks told to display information on borrowers linked to SARFAESI Act

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has asked Regulated Entities (REs), namely commercial banks and Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs), to display information regarding borrowers whose secured assets have been taken into possession by the REs under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002. The information would have to be displayed in a prescribed format.

Fostering transparency

This is part of a move towards greater transparency, the RBI said.

"REs shall upload this information on their website in the format as prescribed. The first such list shall be displayed on the website of REs within six months from the date of this circular, and the list shall be updated on a monthly basis," the RBI said in a circular.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	66,024	0.02
US Dollar	83.13	-0.22
Gold	60,050	0.08
Brent oil	93.42	-

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2482.10	17.20
Adani Ports	825.65	-1.40
Apollo Hosp	5097.05	107.50
Asian Paints	3323.25	48.40
Axis Bank	1018.95	0.70
Bajaj Auto	5005.45	4.40
Bajaj Finserv	1577.40	33.70
Bajaj Finance	7819.85	348.50
Bharti Airtel	910.40	-1.00
BPCL	351.90	-0.05
Britannia Ind	4570.05	5.40
Cipla	1179.35	-6.55
Coal India	288.05	4.70
Divis Lab	3728.50	23.45
Dr Reddys Lab	5438.75	-78.30
Eicher Motors	3386.65	-22.80
Grasim Ind	1939.85	27.90
HCL Tech	1263.45	-10.25
HDFC Bank	1531.00	1.35
HDFC Life	642.10	-7.35
Hero MotoCorp	2974.70	-48.00
Hindalco	469.35	-9.50
Hind Unilever	2475.85	-6.60
ICICI Bank	956.35	6.05
IndusInd Bank	1442.75	-10.15
Infosys	1474.15	-22.00
ITC	442.60	-0.50
JSW Steel	779.90	5.85
Kotak Bank	1784.40	27.95
L&T	2902.50	-16.00
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5377.10	-50.40
M&M	1589.45	-17.70
Maruti Suzuki	10588.20	53.05
NestleIndia	22638.75	106.25
NTPC	239.65	1.70
ONGC	185.50	0.40
PowerGrid Corp	198.90	-0.25
Reliance Ind	2340.45	-14.50
SBI Life	1294.15	-24.70
State Bank	594.05	-4.10
Sun Pharma	1124.05	-8.30
TataConsumerProduct	900.60	22.85
Tata Motors	618.70	-1.75
Tata Steel	127.40	0.65
TCS	3577.15	-26.50
Tech Mahindra	1299.45	-5.90
Titan	3283.95	9.45
UltraTech Cement	8206.20	18.80
UPL	616.95	2.15
Wipro	414.10	-4.40

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 25

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.95	83.27
Euro	88.21	88.55
British Pound	101.46	101.85
Japanese Yen (100)	55.80	56.02
Chinese Yuan	11.35	11.39
Swiss Franc	91.14	91.51
Singapore Dollar	60.73	60.97
Canadian Dollar	61.61	61.85
Malaysian Ringitt	17.69	17.77
Australian Dollar	53.31	53.52

Source:Indian Bank

Das warns against 'excessive dominance' in bank boards

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das on Monday cautioned bank boards against allowing "excessive dominance by one or two members".

Addressing board members of Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) on Monday, Mr. Das said: "One or two directors cannot dominate, excessively dominate. They should not think whatever they say is correct and others do not get a chance to speak".

He advised that meetings be conducted in a frank and democratic atmosphere, where "board members are encouraged to ask whatever doubts and questions they have in mind".

Shaktikanta Das

RBI Governor sought better compliance from UCBs, warned of dissatisfactory levels of NPAs

Addressing directors and senior management of UCBs, Mr. Das sought high quality compliance in running their banks. He expressed concern on the asset quality of several UCBs saying, "at the aggregate level some numbers look good, but when you look granularly the GNPA (Gross Non-Performing Assets) of several banks, the capital adequacy and net worth is not at all satisfactory."

Burman family entities make open offer to buy 26% in REL

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

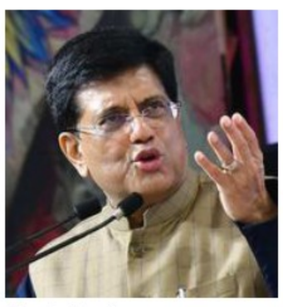
Four entities belonging to Dabur's Burman family have made an open offer to public shareholders of Religare Enterprises Ltd. (REL) to acquire up to 26% of expanded voting share capital at ₹235 per share.

The open offer has been made to increase the family's stake and take control of REL. It will be conducted in accordance with the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, the family said in a statement.

'Coffee is a unifying force that can bring countries together'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Coffee being an international commodity is a unifying force that can bring ethnicities, cultures, countries and colours together and help sustainability and regenerative agriculture, said Piyush Goyal, Union Minister for Commerce and Industries.


Piyush Goyal

Mr. Goyal was speaking at the opening session of the 5th World Coffee Conference (WCC) held for the first time in Asia in Bengaluru on Monday. The four-day global coffee exposition is being organised by the London-based International Coffee Organisation, set up under the aegis of the United Nations to highlight the economic importance of coffee. Several coffee industry stakeholders are at the conference.

The minister also emphasised the importance of more women entering the coffee industry.

'JSW Infra looks to double port capacity in 7 to 10 years'

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

JSW Infrastructure Ltd., the country's second largest private commercial port operator is expected to double its capacity in 7 to 10 years, its CEO Arun Maheshwari said in an interview.

Currently the company, whose ₹2,800 crore Initial Public Offering opened on Monday, has an installed capacity of 158.43 million tonnes per annum. This includes 72 million tonnes per annum at various terminals it operates at major ports.

Mr. Maheshwari said going ahead the company's plan would be to bid for more terminals at major ports and to build greenfield ports.

"The government is now inviting private players to modernise terminals. There is huge scope for us to participate in it. But we need a solid balance sheet to grow the business from here. The ongoing IPO will provide that strength to our balance sheet," he said.

He said the company has been growing at a CAGR of 22% for more than two decades and would continue to do so. He also spoke of two new green field ports likely to come up in Odisha and Karnataka that would add to the company's capacity.

Automation Anywhere offers GenAI driven process automation platform

Srinivasan Ramani
AUSTIN

Intelligent automation services provider Automation Anywhere has expanded its platform to include a new 'Responsible AI Layer' and added features from generative AI (GenAI). The 'Responsible AI Layer' includes custom GenAI automation models developed based on Large Language Models, which were trained from anonymised metadata from millions of automations. Major LLM-based GenAI providers include OpenAI, Google's Palm, Microsoft's Azure AI and Amazon's Bedrock.

"[The] combination of generative AI and intelligent automation represents the most transformational technology shift of our generation" that would raise productivity, creativity and accelerate the business, CEO and co-founder Mihir Shukla said at the firm's annual 'Imagine' event at Austin, Texas.

Brazil's oil giant Petrobras, one among the more than 3,000 businesses that have bought these applications, pointed to a saving of $120 million in taxes in just three weeks since implementing the software.

Automation Anywhere is one of three major global providers of automation software, in particular Robotic Process Automation (RPA). Asked about how GenAI would enhance the automation process, Chief Product Officer Adi Kuruganti said: "Lets take the example of document processing. GenAI can process unstructured documents with an 85-90% accuracy. Combining this with existing automation processes provides for new use cases that were hitherto impossible. This is just one example of the "multiplier effect" that is possible through GenAI plus automation".

GenAI and guardrails

GenAI products were "fast evolving" and had added more features and security, Mr. Kuruganti noted.

He also emphasised that the automation platform had introduced guardrails to protect against risks of GenAI. He cited safeguards ensuring that prompts used in the LLM products were not stored by them. The guardrails also include the provision of human intervention – users, who will guide the automation.

(The writer was in Austin at the firm's invitation)

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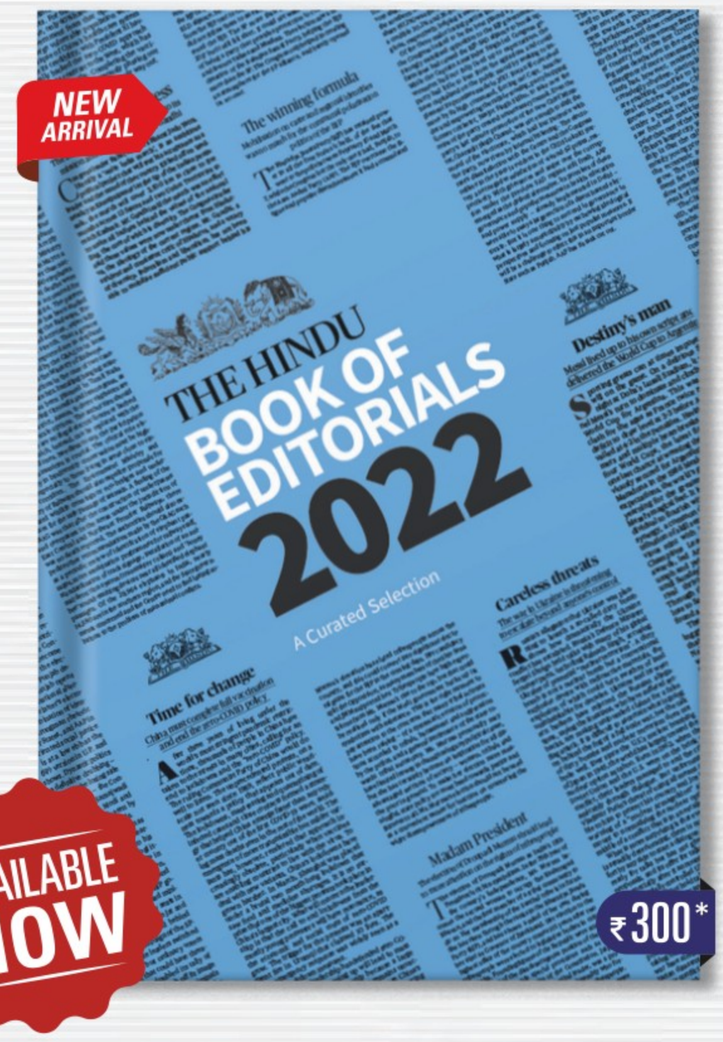

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GETTING EMOTIONAL

Really happy we could contribute to India's medal tally: Smriti

Smriti Mandhana was ecstatic at winning gold at the Asian Games. She said she had tears in her eyes when the national anthem was played, calling it a "very special moment" for her. "I had tears in my eyes... really happy that we could contribute to India's medal tally. Gold is gold," Smriti said.

POWER-PACKED

Roshibina Devi assures India bronze medal in Wushu

Naorem Roshibina Devi qualified for the semifinals in the women's 60 kg Wushu (Sanda), thus assuring herself a bronze. She outplayed her opening opponent, Aiman Karshyga of Kazakhstan, convincingly in the quarterfinal. Roshibina Devi had won bronze in the last edition in Jakarta in the same category.

MIXED BAG

Indian men open with a win, women go down to Uzbekistan

It was a bitter-sweet day for Indian basketball on Monday. The 3x3 matches saw the men's team winning its Group-C clash 20-16 against Malaysia while the women's team went down 14-19 to Uzbekistan in its Group-A game. The sides will play their next matches on Wednesday.

MARCHING AHEAD

Boxers Deepak, Nishant cruise to pre-quarterfinals; Arundhati loses

Deepak Bhoria won 5-0 against Malaysia's Muhammad Abdul to progress into the pre-quarterfinals of the men's 51kg boxing. Nishant Dev made the round-of-16 in the 63.5-71kg, beating Nepal's Dipesh Lama 5-0. Arundhati Choudhary exited after losing to China's Yung Liu 0-5 in the pre-quarterfinals of the women's 60-66 kg category.

10m air rifle team makes it a golden day for India

Divyansh, Aishwary Pratap and Rudrankksh not only win India its maiden yellow metal in the 19th edition, but also double the joy by setting a new World record bettering China's mark

ASIAN GAMES

Uthra Ganesan
HANGZHOU

Bull's eye: Divyansh, Aishwary Pratap and Rudrankksh combined to make it a memorable finish for India in the 10m air rifle team event. PTI

An impish smile firmly in place, a beaming Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar was nothing like what he had seemed a few minutes before - a picture of concentration, blocking out everything in the world except himself, his rifle and the target 10m away. Having won bronze in his maiden Asian Games outing, the 22-year-old with two medals on a day was clearly enjoying the spotlight.

That spotlight had been firmly on the men and women with the guns to kickstart India's medal run at the Asian Games. While the women opened the medal tally with a silver in the 10m air rifle team, the men went a step further, not just getting India's maiden gold but doing it in style, with a new World Record to boot. That the record they broke had been held by host China made it sweeter.

In the individual qualification round, the trio shot a total of 1893.7, 0.4 points more than the previous world record score set by China last month in the Baku World Championship.

"It feels really good. The team gold is extra special because it came here and we actually did not expect it to be one. You can see how vocally the crowds here cheer for their athletes, which is understandable but it makes the win even more special. Now that we have done it as a team, we will try to do it individually also next time," said Aishwary Pratap after winning his individual bronze to go with the gold.

For someone who openly professes his preference for the 50m 3-Position, to outgun favourites Rudrankksh Patil and Divyansh Panwar was a happy moment. "I was initially trailing a bit, then I took lead and then I shot a 10.1 to equal scores with Rudrankksh to get into a shoot-off. That shot was difficult because there were a lot of things going on in my mind. The good thing was at least a medal was assured for India.

In 25m rapid fire pistol, however, the Indian trio of Vijayveer Sidhu, Anish Bhanwala and Adarsh Singh had to settle for a bronze in the team event, tying with Indonesia on 1718 points but getting on the podium by virtue of 45x to Indonesia's 37x (closest to the middle).

China took gold with a World record total of 1765 points, followed by South Korea with 1734 points.

Titas breathes fire as the Women In Blue strike gold

Moment to cherish: The Indian women cricketers are ecstatic after finishing on top. PTI

Aashin Prasad
HANGZHOU

Teen pacer Titas Sadhu is quickly turning out to be the player for big occasions. In January, she set the tone by jolting England's top-order in India's win in the U-19 World Cup. Seven months on, the speedster starred in another final as the Women In Blue claimed a maiden Asian Games gold with a 19-run win over Sri Lanka.

Defending a modest 117 at the Pingfeng Campus Cricket Field on Monday, Titas' pace was too hot to handle for the Sri Lankans. After Deepti Sharma gave away 12 runs in her opening over, Harmanpreet Kaur, returning after the ban, turned to Titas (who is four days shy of her 19th birthday) who obliged her captain with a wicket of the first ball.

Anushka Sanjeewani miscued a shot to mid-off and two balls later, Titas went through Vishmi Gunaratne's defence to disturb her stumps.

Titas. ANI

In her second over, the experienced Chamari Athapaththu fell looking to take on the youngster as Titas' first spell read 3-1-2-3 before she finished with 4-1-6-3.

After Titas' hostile spell, Sri Lanka rebuilt with Hasini Perera and Nilakshi de Silva by taking on the Indian spinners.

Nilakshi and Oshadi Ranasinghe got their side close to the target as Sri Lanka needed 43 off 30 balls before Harmanpreet brought on Titas, who cleaned up Nilakshi with a yorker. The spinners then came on to ensure victory.

Earlier in the afternoon, Sri Lanka choked India by using spin. After a restrained start, Shafali Verma stepped out to left-arm orthodox Sugandika Kumari only to be stumped.

Jemimah Rodrigues, who has been the top batter in the Games with 109 runs, and Smriti Mandhana came together to add 73 runs in 67 balls for the second wicket. Jemimah (42 off 40 balls) used her feet well, while Smriti, who top-scored with a 45-ball 46, was severe on anything short or in the slot.

India scored just 14 runs off the final 21 balls while losing four wickets. In the end, Jemimah's contribution proved good enough as India defended successfully.

The scores: India 116/7 in 20 overs (Smriti Mandhana 46, Jemimah Rodrigues 42, Udeshika Prabodhani 2/16, Sugandika Kumari 2/30, Inoka Ranaweera 2/21) bt Sri Lanka 97/8 in 20 overs (Hasini Perera 25, Titas Sadhu 3/6, Rajeshwari Gayakwad 2/20). **Toss:** India.

THE INDIA SHOW

A look at some Indian performances on Monday:

Basketball (3x3): Men (Pool C): bt Malaysia 20-16.

Women (Pool A): lost to Uzbekistan 14-19.

Boxing: Women: 66kg (round-of-16): Arundhati lost to Yang (Chn).

Men (round-of-32): 51kg: Deepak bt Ariffin (Mas); 71kg: Nishant bt Dipesh (Nep).

Chess: Individual: Men: Round 4: Tabatabaei (IRI) drew with Arjun; Minh (Vie) lost to Vidit; Round 3: Arjun bt Son (Vie); Vidit bt Prin (Tha).

Women: Round 4: Humpy lost to Yifan (Chn); Harika drew with Yakubbaeva (Uzb); Round 3: Yifan (Chn) bt Harika; Humpy drew with Jiner (Chn).

Cricket: Women (Gold medal match): bt Sri Lanka by 19 runs.

Rowing (Final-A): Men's Single Sculls: Balraj (fourth); Men's Four: **Bronze**; Men's Quadruple Sculls: **Bronze**; Women's Eight: Fifth.

Shooting: Men's 10m air rifle: Individual (final): Aishwary Pratap (**bronze**), Rudrankksh (fourth); Team: **Gold** (Divyansh, Rudrankksh, Aishwary Pratap); Men's 25m rapid fire pistol: Individual (final): Vijayveer (fourth); Team: **Bronze** (Adarsh, Anish, Vijayveer).

Swimming (finals): Men: 50m backstroke: Srihari (sixth); 100m breaststroke: Likith (seventh); 4x200m freestyle relay: Seventh.

Tennis: Men (round 2): Singles: Ramkumar w/o Isroilov (Tjk).

Doubles: Myneni & Ramkumar bt Anthony & David (Ina) 6-3, 6-2; Fomin & Sultanov (Uzb) bt Bhambri & Bopanna 2-6, 6-3, [10-6].

Women: Singles (round 2): Ankita bt Olimjanova (Uzb) 6-0, 6-0; Rutuja bt Sagandikova (Kaz) 7-6(2), 6-2.

Doubles (round 1): Rutuja & Karman bt Rustemova & Sagandikova (Kaz) 6-4, 6-2;

Mixed doubles (round 2): Rutuja & Bopanna bt Amanmuradova & Shin (Uzb) 6-2, 6-4.

Wushu: Women's 60kg (quarterfinals): Roshibina bt Karshyga (Kaz).

INDIANS IN ACTION TODAY

A look at some Indian players/teams who will compete on Tuesday (all times IST):

Boxing: Men: 57kg (round-of-32): Sachin vs. Udin (Ina), 12.30 p.m.; +92kg (round-of-16): Narender vs. Oomatbek (Kgz), 6.15 p.m.

Chess: Individual rounds (12.30 p.m. onwards): Men: Vidit and Arjun; Women: Humpy and Harika.

Equestrian: Dressage (individual and team, 5.30 a.m. onwards): Sudipti, Divyakriti, Anush, Hriday.

Fencing: Women's sabre individual (6.30 a.m. onwards): Bhavani.

Hockey: Men: Pool A: vs. Singapore (6.30 a.m.).

Shooting: Men's and women's skeet qualification, individual and team phase 1 (men's: Anantjeet, Gurjoat, Angad; women's: Parinaaz, Ganemat, Darshna), 6.30 a.m. onwards; Women's 25m pistol precision individual and team (Manu, Rhythm, Esha); 10m air rifle mixed team qualification, bronze and gold medal matches (Divyansh, Ramita).

Squash (team): Men: Pool A: vs. Singapore (7.30 a.m.); vs. Qatar (4.30 p.m.); Women: Pool B: vs. Pakistan (7.30 a.m.).

Swimming (heats and finals, 7.30 a.m. onwards): Women: 100m freestyle: Shivangi; 200m backstroke: Palak; Men: 4x100m medley relay.

Tennis: Singles, doubles and mixed doubles, matches, 7.30 a.m. onwards.

Volleyball: Men: Classification 5th-6th: vs. Pakistan (4 p.m.).

Rolling into the big league

Young star: Nine-year-old Mazel Paris Alegado, who qualified for the "women's" park final and came seventh out of eight, got into skateboarding after she saw her brother doing it. AFP

With five medals, the Indian rowers make a splash

Uthra Ganesan
HANGZHOU

On the podium: Quadruple sculls bronze medallists Satnam Singh, Parminder Singh, Jakar Khan and Sukhmeet Singh of India. AFP

Making a mark: Ashish, Punit, Bheem and Jaswinder Singh, the bronze winners in the Men's Four. PTI

China may not be a favourite for Indian sports in general but for the rowers, it has been a happy hunting ground. With five medals in the 19th Asian Games here which equalled their previous best-ever performance, the Indians are now hoping for bigger success.

India finished with two silvers and three bronze in rowing to equal its 2010 tally at Guangzhou, adding two bronze on Monday in the men's Four and Quadruple Sculls. And while Balraj Panwar came agonisingly close before falling short to finish fourth in the Single Sculls, it was heartening for someone who was not even considered for the Games before being added as a late entry.

"My coaches and the federation pushed a lot to get my event included. The IOA had initially not considered single sculls but coaches Bajrang (Lal Takhar) and Ismail sir insisted I was doing well in my time trials during training. I am happy I gave everything I had out there to get a personal best timing," Panwar told *The Hindu*.

It was heartbreak for the Indian quartet of Ashish, Punit Kumar, Bhim Singh and Jaswinder Singh as they were nudged out of the second spot by China by 0.78s in the men's Four event.

"We had tried to beat the Chinese from the start and it was all going according to plan but a mistake in the last 20 metres cost us a silver. There was a crosswind which forced us to go off course and one of our oars got stuck in the buoy. We lost those crucial microseconds and our silver turning to bronze," Punit admitted.

With vocal crowd support, the Chinese nipped ahead while Uzbekistan won a comfortable gold. That it was one of only two silvers won by the Chinese – along with 11 golds – shows the dominance of the host in the water and challenging them was a morale-booster.

"This will probably hurt me for a long time. Hopefully, the coming generations will take strength from this and realise that we have the potential to defeat China in future competitions," Punit hoped.

The Quadruple Sculls added another bronze as the rowers recovered from a disappointing finish of sixth the day before in the Double Sculls with both Satnam Singh and Parminder Singh admitting it had been a testing night before.

"I have taken part in World Cups before, I even have a medal at the 2022 Asian Championships. But the environment here, the pride I felt was tremendous. Every minute felt like an hour last night. But we gave everything we had today to the point that we don't have anything left in us now," Parminder said.

"We were in the clear for a silver yesterday but when I turned to my side, I felt a twist in my neck and my body just shut down. Only we know how worried we were through the night.

"But the crew today had faith in me. We spoke about trying a different combination but they all wanted me to race today and I am glad I could keep their faith," an exhausted Satnam added.

Medals Tally

Country	G	S	B	T
China	39	21	9	69
S. Korea	10	10	13	33
Japan	5	14	12	31
Uzbekistan	4	4	6	14
Hong Kong	3	4	7	14
India	**2**	**3**	**6**	**11**
Chinese Taipei	2	1	3	6
Indonesia	1	1	4	6
Thailand	1	0	2	3
Macao	1	0	1	2
Tajikistan	1	0	1	2

Bamboozled: Ashwin has made a commendable comeback to the ODI format as the Aussie batters found it tough to pick the variations he had to offer. SPORTZPICS, PTI

Ashwin makes the ball talk just at the right time

The experienced off-spinner may not have to prove anything at this stage of his career, but it sure doesn't hurt his case to churn out match-winning performances ahead of the World Cup

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

P.K. Ajith Kumar
RAJKOT

The biggest talking point after India's crushing victory against Australia at the Holkar Cricket Stadium in Indore on Sunday was bound to be Shreyas Iyer's hundred. The Mumbai batter, who has had to battle a painful back injury for months, deserved the Player-of-the-Match award and all the attention on him.

But, the second ODI was also about another gritty Indian cricketer, whose last ODI before this series was in January, 2022. In his comeback game at Mohali, R. Ashwin accounted for Marnus Labuschagne.

It turned out he had reserved something even better for the Aussie batter, who was coming off a profitable outing in South Africa, after taking guard as a concussion substitute. And yes, the Mohali game was more about Mohammed Shami's sensational spell of seam bowling.

At Indore, it was Ashwin who made the ball talk. He beat Labuschagne comprehensively with a ball that was fired in a little quicker and didn't behave the way the batter thought it would.

After cleaning up Labuschagne, he went on to trap David Warner – who at times pretended he was actually a right-hander - lbw; the replays, though, suggested the opener had a slight inside edge but he didn't review it. Just four balls later, Ashwin had Josh Inglis plumb in front, too; though this time there was a review, an unsuccessful one that.

Within a space of seven balls, Ashwin had taken three wickets and killed whatever slim hopes Australia may have had of avoiding a fifth defeat in a row. It was a remarkable spell from a remarkable man.

Back with a bang

And it was a commendable comeback too, after being sidelined from the ODIs for around 20 months. At this stage of his career, he may not have to prove anything to anyone but he has justified the faith shown in him by the selectors and the team management after being recalled to the ODI team following Axar Patel's injury ahead of the Asia Cup final.

India surely could not have asked for a better replacement, especially with the World Cup round the corner.

On Indore's flat track that had no sympathy for the bowlers, he showed what an intelligent cricketer like him – ever keen to widen his repertoire and sharpen his armoury – could achieve.

Especially in these modern times when the IPL has taught the overseas batters so much about the Indian conditions.

The Dutch have the potential to cause upsets and improve below-par record

WC COUNTDOWN

Pranay Rajiv

For the Netherlands, at the ODI World Cup, the prize lies in participation. Having found its way to the quadrennial event after toppling two-time champion West Indies in the qualifiers, the going will get even tougher for the Dutch in India.

Despite having participated in four World Cups, the Netherlands has never won a match against a Test-playing nation, with its two wins (in 20 attempts) coming against Namibia and Scotland in 2003 and 2007, respectively.

Clockwork Orange: The Netherlands squad has players who have the talent to swing a game. TWITTER/KNCBCRICKET

Hinge on the batting

The Dutch hope at the World Cup will hinge a lot on its batting lineup, led by skipper and wicket-keeper Scott Edwards, who has been the side's top-scorer over the last three years.

Adding heft to the batting unit will be opener Vikramjit Singh, who top-scored for the side in the qualifiers and India-born middle-order batter Teja Nidamanuru, who scored a whirlwind century against West Indies during the qualification tournament.

The presence of capable all-rounders like Logan van Beek, Bas de Leede and Roelof van der Merwe – who returns to the side after missing the qualifiers – provides the Dutch team with some much-required balance at both ends.

De Leede, whose father Tim represented the 'Flying Dutchmen' in three ODI World Cups, had recently become only the fourth player to score a century and take a five-wicket haul in an ODI.

The 23-year-old achieved the feat during his side's win against Scotland in the qualifiers, which secured the Dutch its spot at the World Cup.

The Netherlands' bowling unit though will be significantly weakened by the absence of the left-arm pacer Fred Klassen, who misses out due to a stress fracture.

In recent years, the Dutch side had relied a lot on the restrictive nature of Klaasen's bowling. Over the last three years, the 30-year-old picked up 22 wickets in ODIs at an economy of just 4.48.

Lack of quality spinners

The Dutch bowling will also be hampered by the lack of quality in its spin department.

Over the last three years, its spinners have picked up just 66 wickets, at a whopping average of 53.43 – a number which doesn't augur well in the Indian conditions, which is expected to assist the tweakers.

It is unlikely that the Netherlands will make it to the semifinals.

But the Dutch side has the potential to upset a few apple carts on the way and improve its below-par record in the tournament.

ACE IN THE PACK

Logan van Beek, who starred for the Dutch in the Super Over win against West Indies both with the bat and the ball, will be vital to his side's performance at the World Cup. The New Zealand-born all-rounder has also been the Netherlands' highest wicket-taker in ODIs over the last three years.

The Netherlands

World Cup numbers

	M	W	L
Overall	20	2*	18
H2H against teams in the 2023 edition			
vs. England	3	0	3
vs. South Africa	3	0	3
vs. Australia	2	0	2
vs. India	2	0	2
vs. Pakistan	2	0	2
vs. Bangladesh	1	0	1
vs. New Zealand	1	0	1
vs. Afghanistan	-	-	-
vs. Sri Lanka	-	-	-

The Netherlands caravan

Oct. 6	vs. Pakistan	Hyderabad	2 p.m.
Oct. 9	vs. New Zealand	Hyderabad	2 p.m.
Oct. 17	vs. South Africa	Dharamsala	2 p.m.
Oct. 21	vs. Sri Lanka	Lucknow	10.30 a.m.
Oct. 25	vs. Australia	Delhi	2 p.m.
Oct. 28	vs. Bangladesh	Kolkata	2 p.m.
Nov. 3	vs. Afghanistan	Lucknow	2 p.m.
Nov. 8	vs. England	Pune	2 p.m.
Nov. 12	vs. India	Bengaluru	2 p.m.

** Netherlands' victories came against Namibia (2003) and Scotland (2007)*

The Indian MotoGP is here, but where are the Indian riders?

MOTORSPORTS

S. Dipak Ragav
GREATER NOIDA

Even as there was palpable excitement for the inaugural Indian GP, the only local connection when it came to the on-track action was through a wild-card entry for Chennai-based rider K.Y. Ahmed.

The National champion took part in the practice sessions for Petronas MIE Racing on Friday and Saturday but failed to enter qualifying as he did not set a time within 105% of the fastest time in any of the sessions.

It was not entirely surprising, considering the 26-year-old had never driven the Honda NSF250R bike coming into the weekend.

Though he had driven a similar bike in 2016 at the Asia Talent Cup, Ahmed said there was a world of difference between the two.

S. Sarath Kumar remains the only Indian to have competed in a world championship weekend when he did the 2011 Portugal Grand Prix in the 125cc class, the precursor to the current Moto3.

Despite being one of the biggest two-wheeler markets in the world, India has struggled to produce riders who can even reach the lower levels of the championship.

Before the weekend, even reigning MotoGP champion Francesco Bagnaia felt there needed to be a push to get Indian riders.

Different league: Ahmed found it tough on the track as he had never driven the Honda NSF250R bike coming into the mega race. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

> Considering the number of bikes we have seen on the streets, it is incredible that we don't have any Indian riders. So maybe it is time to push for an academy and get some Indian riders into the world championship
>
> FRANCESCO BAGNAIA

Sustained investment

Rajini Krishnan, an 11-time national champion, knows a thing or two about the tough road for riders in the country. He has been running his academy, RACR, but says that academies are just one part of the equation. "For a rider to take the next step, there needs sustained investment, which is only possible from the big manufacturers," said Rajini in a chat with *The Hindu* during the weekend.

"You have to start early and can learn the basics here before going to Asia, where you can compete in the MiniGP races for a few years. After that, you do two years at the Asian 250cc level, which costs Rs 75 to 80 lakhs per season, and then, you have to go to Europe," the 43-year-old explained on a potential pathway to the world championship.

"So when a rider goes to Europe, he is already at a good level, say 80-90% and needs to learn only the last 10 to 20 % in there."

The national champion added that it costs about Rs. 2 crore per year to train in Europe, and a rider needs at least three years there to compete in local races before getting to the Moto3 level. "In Europe, they train four to five days a week, even in go-kart tracks, using motocross bikes, which is not possible here."

With many young kids starting early, Rajini says the mindset of parents who used to be apprehensive about the sport's dangers is changing, and there is enough talent. "But to nurture this, we need the bike manufacturers to invest more in motorsports because this is their area. This weekend showed what kind of coverage a sponsor can get. So I hope this changes things for us," said an optimistic Rajini.

East Bengal, Jamshedpur split points

ISL-10

Amitabha Das Sharma
KOLKATA

East Bengal (EBFC) was held to a goalless draw by the visiting Jamshedpur FC in an ISL-10 fixture at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Monday.

East Bengal dominated the action and opened up the opposition defence on plenty of occasions but faltered in the box to see the attacks ending in futility.

The side took time to settle down as the first 30 minutes did not bring up much action in the attacking third.

But the final 10 minutes of the opening half saw the host in menacing form as it mobilised the flanks with both Naorem Mahesh and Nandhakumar Sekar supplying crosses inside the Jamshedpur box for Javier Siverio.

The Spanish forward struggled to find the right touch that would have produced the desired result for East Bengal.

Jamshedpur opted to wait and find the openings through counter attacks.

The change of end extended East Bengal's struggle as Siverio and later the Brazilian forward Cleiton Silva, who came in as a substitute around the hour mark, continued to miss chances. With Jamshedpur appearing to be content with a point, the draw seemeda just outcome.

SNAPSHOTS

Team World retains Laver Cup

VANCOUVER: Ben Shelton and Frances Tiafoe handed Team World a second successive Laver Cup title after they squeezed past Team Europe duo Andrey Rublev and Hubert Hurkacz 7-6(4), 7-6(5) for a thrilling doubles victory on Sunday.

The Americans, who met earlier this month in the U.S. Open quarterfinals, found their rhythm to wrap up a final-day victory that lifted captain John McEnroe's team to 13 points and crushed any remaining hopes for Team Europe.

Team World took a 4-0 lead on the first day of competition, and extended it to 10-2 over Team Europe by the end of Saturday.

Team Europe won the first four editions of the tournament but that run came to an end last year in London.

The results: On Sunday: Shelton & Tiafoe (World) bt Hurkacz & Rublev (Europe) 7-6(4), 7-6(5). **Overall score:** Team World 13 bt Team Europe 2.

On Saturday: Fritz (World) bt Rublev (Europe) 6-2, 7-6(3); Ruud (Europe) bt Paul (World) 7-6(6), 6-2; Tiafoe (World) bt Hurkacz (Europe) 7-5, 6-3.

Doubles: Auger-Aliassime & Shelton (World) bt Hurkacz & Monfils (Europe) 7-5, 6-4.

On a roll: Team World clinched its second successive Laver Cup title. AP

Pakistan players issued visas for WC: ICC

INDORE: Members of the Pakistan cricket team were on Monday issued Indian visas for the ODI World Cup, the International Cricket Council (ICC) confirmed, hours after the PCB raised serious concerns with the global body over the delay in the national team's travel to Hyderabad.

"Visas have been issued to Pakistan," said an ICC spokesperson.

The visa clearance came less than 48 hours before Pakistan's scheduled travel to India in the wee hours of September 27. A two-day team bonding session in Dubai before the arrival in Hyderabad was cancelled due to the uncertainty over the visa.

Pakistan-NZ World Cup warm-up game to be a closed affair

HYDERABAD: The warm-up match between New Zealand and Pakistan, scheduled to be played at Rajiv Gandhi Stadium in Hyderabad on September 29, will be a closed-door affair on the advice of the local security agencies, according to a BCCI communication on Monday.

Local police authorities had expressed serious concern in providing security for the said game in view of the Lord Ganesha idols' immersion on the same day.

Dalmiya and Dhumal re-elected to IPL GC

NEW DELHI: Former CAB president Avishek Dalmiya and current IPL chairman Arun Singh Dhumal have been re-elected to the IPL governing council as per decisions taken at the BCCI AGM in Goa on Monday.

The Ombudsman-cum-Ethics Officer will continue as per his contract butPragyan Ojha will no longer be Indian Cricketers' Association's representative in Apex Council.

Dharmasena, Nitin to officiate in WC opener

DUBAI: Kumar Dharmasena and Nitin Menon will serve as on-field umpires for the ICC World Cup opener between England and New Zealand on Oct. 5 in Ahmedabad. They will be joined by TV umpire Paul Wilson, fourth umpire Shahid Saikat and match referee J. Srinath.

INBRIEF

Amazon Warriors cruise past Knight Riders, win first title

Guyana Amazon Warriors emerged champion of the 2023 edition of the Caribbean Premier League (CPL) with a nine-wicket win over Trinbago Knight Riders at Providence on Sunday. It was Amazon Warriors' maiden CPL title. Opting to bowl first, the Guyana side skittled out Knight Riders for 94. Dwaine Pretorius took four for 26 as Knight Riders were shot out for 94. Imran Tahir (4-0-8-2) and Gudakesh Motie (4-1-7-2) came up with economical spells. In reply, Saim Ayub and Shai Hope took Warriors home.

The scores: Trinbago Knight Riders 94 in 18.1 overs (Keacy Carty 38, Dwaine Pretorius 4/26) lost to Guyana Amazon Warriors 99/1 in 14 overs (Saim Ayub 52 n.o., Shai Hope 32 n.o.).

Miami draws with Orlando without former Barcelona trio

Inter Miami, without Lionel Messi, Sergio Busquets and Jordi Alba, battled to a 1-1 draw at Orlando City in Major League Soccer on Sunday. The result left Miami five points adrift of the last playoff spot with five games of its regular season campaign remaining. Miami went ahead through David Ruiz's goal in the 52nd minute even as Duncan McGuire equalised for Orlando in the 66th. "They are a very competitive team and we just try to fight through and get the get the win," said Ruiz.

LIVE TELECAST

Asian Games: Sony Sports Ten 2 & 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 5.30 a.m. onwards

Bangladesh vs New Zealand: 3rd ODI, FanCode, 1.30 p.m.

England vs Ireland: Sony Sports Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 5 p.m.

LaLiga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 10.30 p.m. & 1 a.m. (Wednesday)

Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 12.15 a.m. (Wednesday).

Atletico humbles Real in Madrid derby

Simeone's side beats Ancelotti men 3-1; Barca and Girona stay on top of the table with 16 points each from six matches

Heading it in: Morata scored twice in the game to give Simeone's side three points. AFP

EURO LEAGUES

Associated Press
MADRID

Atletico Madrid ended Real Madrid's perfect start with a 3-1 win on Sunday in the first Spanish league derby of the season.

Alvaro Morata scored twice and Antoine Griezmann once to hand Madrid its first loss after six straight victories in all competitions this season. Toni Kroos found the net for the visitors.

The result left Catalan clubs Barcelona and Girona at the top of the standings with 16 points each from six matches.

Madrid stayed one point behind in third place. It had won five consecutive league games, and on Wednesday beat Union Berlin in the group stage of the Champions League.

Atletico was coming off a 3-0 loss at Valencia for its first defeat of the season. Diego Simeone's team had two wins and a draw in its other previous matches.

Its league game against Sevilla earlier this month was postponed because of bad weather.

All three goals by Atletico on Sunday at Metropolitano stadium came from headers. Morata scored in the fourth and 46th minutes, while Griezmann got on the board in the 18th. Madrid's goal came in the 35th after Kroos cleared a defender before finding the net from outside the area.

Madrid had a goal disallowed for offside in the 44th.

Coach Carlo Ancelotti couldn't count on Vinícius Junior, who was set to return from injury but was dropped from the squad at the last minute because of a stomach illness.

The results:

LaLiga: Real Sociedad 4 (Kubo 2, Oyarzabal 61-pen & 88, Mendez 66) bt Getafe 3 (Alena 39, Mayoral 45+5-pen, Latasa 90+2.

Rayo Vallecano 1 (Perez 16) drew with Villarreal 1 (Sorloth 15); Real Betis 1 (Rodriguez 60) drew with Cadiz 1 (Ramos 41).

Las Palmas 1 (Rodriguez 90+2) bt Granada 0; Atletico Madrid 3 (Morata 4 & 46, Griezmann 18) bt Real Madrid 1 (Kroos 35).

Serie A: Bologna 0 drew with Napoli 0.

Premier League: Sheffield United o lost to Newcastle United 8 (Longstaff 21, Burn 31, Botman 35, Wilson 56, Gordon 61, Almiron 68, Bruno Guimaraes 73, Isak 87).

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Balaji takes honours in the 130cm show jumping event

Balaji Vijayshankar, astride Lucifer Van De Hemel, won the 130cm show jumping event in the Equestrian Premier League (EPL).

The results: Winners: Show jumping:

130cm: Balaji Vijayshankar (Lucifer Van De Hemel); **120cm:** Kekhriesilie Rio (Leonardo Van Holli); **115cm:** Thanush Gowda (Ascot); **110cm (open):** Aadya Esha (Richness In Space); **105cm (junior):** Geethika Tikkisett (Lutrillo Lv); **105 cm (open):** Yashaan Khambatta (Google); **100cm (junior):** Jaiveer Varma (Dinky Boy); **100cm (open):** Aradhana Anand (Democratic); **90cm (sub junior):** Neil Kendall (Boeing); **90cm (open):** Bala Murugan (G Absolutely Ravel); **80 cm (sub junior):** Shourya Manoj (Lord Darlington); **80cm (open):** Sriram (Sonia); **60cm (children):** Thivyesh Ram (Sana).

Preliminary Dressage:

Sub junior: Ananya Sajit Haridas (Knock Out); **Open:** Vikas Kumar (Rafaa).

Pre Novice Dressage: Junior: Niharika Singhania (Kwartz Decadent Grey RS2); **Open:** H. Isabelle (Knock Out), CEC; **Sub junior:** Tasha Neethirajan (Sechs Richtige); **Open:** Mithilesh Reddy (Go Getter).

Novice Dressage: Junior: Geethika Tikkisetty (Valentin); **Open:** R. Aadithri (Knock Out).

Senior Dressage: Open: Isabelle Hasleder (Lamborghini).

Balaji.

R. Kishan.

Kishan on top

R. Kishan of Karnataka finished on top at the end of first two squads of Round 1 of the ARC 32nd National Tenpin Bowling championships on Monday.

Kishan finished the day with a total pinfall of 1359 pins in six games with an impressive average of 226.50. S.A. Hameed (Delhi) is in second position, trailing Kishan by 118 pins.

Shabbir Dhankot of Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka's Akaash Ashok Kumar lie third and fourth respectively. Delhi's Dhruv Sarda stood out with a perfect game (300) in Game 3.

Aniketh stars for Raichur

Aniketh Reddy (181, 233b, 27x4, 2x6) helped Raichur Zone defeat Bangalore City in the KSCA under-16 inter-zonal tournament. Samarth Kulkarni recorded an eight-for match-haul for Raichur Zone.

The scores:

Bangalore City XI 99 in 32.4 overs (Samarth Kulkarni 4/13, Zakwan Habib 4/27) and 119 in 37.5 overs (Vansh Puravankara 28, P. Ved 35, Shreyasagoud Patil 4/31, Samarth Kulkarni 4/37) lost to Raichur Zone 258 in 71.4 overs (Aniketh Reddy 181, Mohib Jamadar 50, Punith Kumar 3/63).

President's XI 310 in 88 overs (Devanjan Sarkar 56, Tejas Reddy 51, Advik Rastogi 43, Bhuvan Shivkumar Basidoni 65 n.o., Gaurav Venkatesh 31, Krushna Rao 4/65) drew with Vice President's XI 169 in 55.5 overs (Venkat Sai 64, Kushalr 32, Vijay Maller 29 n.o., Bhuvan Shivkumar Basidoni 3/35, K.P. Ahan 4/21).

Dharwad Zone 94 in 30.2 overs (Ayush Patil 29, A.N. Pradyumna 5/15) and 115 in 37.3 overs (Sainath Rajoli 40, Preetham Raj 3/32) lost to Shivamogga Zone 94 in 55 overs (R.B. Tejas 39, Sanket Shetty 7/38) and 116/6 in 47.4 overs (R.B. Tejas 40, A.N. Pradyumna 32, Parveez Ali 30, Nilesh Khilare 3/21).

Secretary's XI 175 in 59.5 overs (Nikhil George 36, H. Rithvik 56, Shaurya Manish 27, M.S. Rahul 5/24) and 48/3 in 26 overs drew with Mysore Zone 202 in 78.4 overs (Karthik Kumar 83, Arjun Kumar 3/29).

Tumkur Zone 197/9 in 90 overs (N. Vikas 39, K. Akhil 80, Tejas Nayak 3/28, Ayush Acharya 3/21) and 42/5 in 23 overs (Rajath Poojary 3/14) drew with Mangalore Zone 95 in 49.2 overs (Eshan Baglody 26, A.A. Rohith 3/8).

Bangalore Zone 246 in 77.2 overs (Prashant Padti 117 n.o., K.S. Mokhit 42, Aditya Shahapurkar 4/44) drew with Combined City XI 294/4 in 82.1 overs (T. Amruthraj 116, S. Abhiraj 30, Anvay Dravid 124).

Dip nets five as ASC & Center FC wins big

Dip Majumdar scored five goals for ASC & Center FC against Young Challengers in the BDFA Super Division football league on Monday.

The results: FC Bengaluru United 2 (Jaison Jordon 13, Chester Poul 83) bt Bangalore Independents 1 (Raja Ganapathy 62).

ASC & Center FC 7 (Dip Majumdar 10, 39, 45, 68, 77, Vanalal Bela 38, Laishram Prem 81) bt Young Challengers FC 0.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಮಹರ್ಷಿ ವಾಲ್ಮೀಕಿ ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡಗಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ
ನಂ 10, 3ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಖಾದಿ ಭವನ, ಜ್ಯಾದೇವಿ ಭವನ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಮಸಂತನಗರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560052.
ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 080-29901193 ಇ-ಮೇಲ್: mdkmvstdc@gmail.com https://kmvstdcl.karnataka.gov.in/
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BANGALORE URBAN ZILLA PANCHAYATH
Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, First Floor, Zilla Panchayat Building, S. Kariyappa Road, Banashankari, Bengaluru - 560070.
No: EE/RDW&SD/BNG(U)/TND/04/2023-24
Dated: 20-09-2023
KPPP SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE
Tenders are invited through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal for the works approved Under JJM Head of grants for the year 2022-23. The Tender Documents can be obtained and Submitted **on or before 30-09-2023 upto 4.00 PM.** For further details contact the above address during office hours or visit Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- Executive Engineer
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division
Bangalore Urban Dist, Bengaluru.
DIPR/CP/1417/Adverto/2023-24

ZILLA PANCHAYATH, RAMANAGARA
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division
Office of the Executive Engineer, RDWS&SD, Panchayath Bhavan, 3rd Floor, Ramanagara Division, Ramanagara.
Tender Notification No. : 07/EE/RDWS&SD/RMG/Tender/AE-02/JJM/1277/2023-24 Date : 22-09-2023
TENDER NOTIFICATION
The Rural Water Supply And Sanitation Division Ramanagara is inviting on behalf of **Governor of Karnataka State under Two Cover Bid System** as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement ACT 1999 and Rules 2000 **Standard Bid Document KW - 2, KW - 3 & KW - 4** for Water Supply Works under **JJM** through e-procurement from Registered Contractors as per the schedule given below.
1) Max Amount Put to Tender : Rs. 115.24 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 2,00,000.00/-. 2) Min Amount Put to Tender : Rs. 26.81 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 53,620.00/-. 3) Period of Contract : 06 Months. 4) Pre-Bid Meeting : 29-09-2023 at 11.00 a.m. onwards at O/o Executive Engineer, 3rd Floor, Paanchayath Bhavan, Ramanagara - 562 159. 5) Last Date for Tender Queries : 03-10-2023 upto 5.00 p.m. 6) Last Date for Submission of Tender : 07-10-2023 upto 5.00 p.m. 7) Opening of Technical Bid of the Tender : 09-10-2023 at 11.00 a.m. onwards. 8) Opening of Financial Bid of the Tender : 13-10-2023 at 11.00 a.m. onwards.
For further particulars / details may avail from the Office of the undersigned during Office hours on all working days and may visit the **Website : https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
RDW&S Division, Ramanagara.
DIPR/Ramanagar/200/Manipal/2023-24

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
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O & M Circle, Shivamogga - 577203
Ph: 08182-270449 CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425
No: SEE/SMG/EE(O)/AEE(O)/22-23/I/57853/2023 Date: 04.09.2023
TENDER NOTIFICATION
MESCOM invites tender for the following works under Partial Turn-Key basis in Shimoga Circle.

Sl. No	Work Details
1	Replacement of deteriorated Iron poles from Yadahalli cross to Bilumande Village in Mandagadde Section, Bejjuvalli Subdivision, Shimoga Division.
2	Replacement of deteriorated Rails poles at various places in Bejjuvalli Section, Bejjuvalli Subdivision, Shimoga Division.
3	Construction of 11KV Koracharahatti Express feeder from 66/11KV Holaluru MUSS to Hadonalli village at a distance of 6.5km at Holaluru Section, Rural Subdivision, Shimoga Division.
4	Formation of new 11KV Feeder from 110/11kv Anandapura MUSS to Hosur for bifurcation of load of existing over loaded F-14 Ulluru Feeder in Anandapura Section, Sagar RSD Subdivision, Sagara Division.

The interested eligible bidders may log on to website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **27.09.2023** for more information.
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ಶ್ರೀ ಚಾಮುಂಡೇಶ್ವರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಮೂಹ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನಗಳು
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಚಾಮುಂಡಿಬೆಟ್ಟ, ಮೈಸೂರು
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ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ
ಚಾಮುಂಡಿಬೆಟ್ಟ ಶ್ರೀ ಚಾಮುಂಡೇಶ್ವರಿ ಅಮ್ಮನವರ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನ, 2023-24 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಆದೇಶದಿಂದ ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷದ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಅವಶ್ಯಕವಾಗಿರುವ ಭದ್ರತಾ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ (39), ಎಲೆಕ್ಟ್ರೀಷಿಯನ್ (1) , ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಲು ಬೇಕಾದ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಒದಗಿಸಲು ಇ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆಸಕ್ತರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಗಳನ್ನು ಇ ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್ ಮೆಂಟ್(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/) ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವಂತೆ (Technical Bid,/ Qualification Criteria)ದ ಮೂಲಕ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಅಗತ್ಯ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಹಾಗೂ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಮಾಹಿತಿಯು ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. ಇಎಂಡಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನ ನ್ಯಾಯ ಮಾನ್ಯತಾ ಅವಧಿಗಿಂತ (Validity Period) 45 ನಂತರ ವರೆಗೆ ಮಾನ್ಯತೆ ಇರತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿವರ	ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಇಎಂಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)
1	ಚಾಮುಂಡಿಬೆಟ್ಟ ಶ್ರೀ ಚಾಮುಂಡೇಶ್ವರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಮೂಹ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಗತ್ಯವಾದ 39 ಭದ್ರತಾ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ, 1 ಎಲೆಕ್ಟ್ರೀಷಿಯನ್ ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷದ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಒದಗಿಸುವ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಹಕ್ಕು	96,00,000	1,92,000
2	ಚಾಮುಂಡಿಬೆಟ್ಟ ಶ್ರೀ ಚಾಮುಂಡೇಶ್ವರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಮೂಹ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಗತ್ಯವಾದ, 21 ಜನ ಹೊರಸ್ವಚ್ಛತಾ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ, 2 ರೂಮ್ ಬಾಯ್, 2 ಗೋಪಾಲಕರು, 1 STP ಪಂಪ್ ಆಪರೇಟರ್, 1 ಬ್ಯಾಟರಿ ವಾಹನ ಚಾಲಕ, 3 ಕಂಪ್ಯೂಟರ್ ಆಪರೇಟರ್, ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷದ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಒದಗಿಸುವ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಹಕ್ಕು	80,00,000	1,60,000
3	ಚಾಮುಂಡಿಬೆಟ್ಟ ಶ್ರೀ ಚಾಮುಂಡೇಶ್ವರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಮೂಹ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನದ ದಾಸೋಹ ಭವನದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಸಾದ ತಯಾರಿಸಿ, ಬಡಿಸಿ, ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಡಲು 23 ಜನ ಅಡುಗೆ ಕೆಲಸಗಾರರನ್ನು ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷದ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಒದಗಿಸುವ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಹಕ್ಕು	60,00,000	1,20,000
4	ಚಾಮುಂಡಿಬೆಟ್ಟ ಶ್ರೀ ಚಾಮುಂಡೇಶ್ವರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಮೂಹ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಗತ್ಯವಾದ ಲಾಡು ಪ್ರಸಾದವನ್ನು ತಯಾರಿಸಿ, ಪ್ಯಾಕ್ ಮಾಡಿ, ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ಒಂದು ಲಾಡು ಪ್ರಸಾದ ತಯಾರಿಕೆಗೆ ತಗಲುವ ಮಜೂರಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಹಕ್ಕು	50,00,000	1,00,000
5	ಚಾಮುಂಡಿಬೆಟ್ಟ ಶ್ರೀ ಚಾಮುಂಡೇಶ್ವರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಮೂಹ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಗತ್ಯವಾದ ಲಾಡು ಪ್ರಸಾದವನ್ನು ಪ್ಯಾಕ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಆಯಿಲ್ ಪ್ರೂಫ್ ಕವರ್ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಹಕ್ಕು	20,00,000	40,000
6	ಚಾಮುಂಡಿಬೆಟ್ಟ ಶ್ರೀ ಚಾಮುಂಡೇಶ್ವರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಮೂಹ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನಗಳಿಗೆ, ದಾಸೋಹ, ಮತ್ತು ಲಾಡು ಪ್ರಸಾದ ತಯಾರಿಕೆ ಅಗತ್ಯವಾದ ಸಫಲ್ ಆಯಿಲ್ (15 ಕೆ.ಜಿ.ಟಿನ್) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಹಕ್ಕು	99,00,000	1,98,000

ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಯಡಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಶೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರಸ	ವಿವರ	ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳು (1ರಿಂದ 5)	ಸಮಯ
1.	ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳು ಚಾಲ್ತಿಗೆಬರುವುದು	ದಿ: 22/09/2023	ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5-00 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ
2	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಮತ್ತು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ.	ದಿ:21/10/2023	ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5-00 ಗಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ
2.	ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:	ದಿ:25/10/2023	ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11 ಗಂಟೆ ನಂತರ
3.	ಹಣಕಾಸಿನ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ :	ದಿ:30/10/2023	ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11 ಗಂಟೆ ನಂತರ

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DISTRICT URBAN DEVELOPMENT CELL
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,BELAGAVI DISTRICT, BELAGAVI
Telephone no:0831-2407279 E-Mail:dudc_bgm@yahoo.co.in
No: BGM/DUDC/4/CR-91/2017-18 Dated: 22-09-2023
Tender Notification
Tender invites in two cover system using KG-3 Document for Providing Catering Services for Indira Canteens in Belagavi City Corporation limits of Belagavi District . The details are as follows. **(Rs. in Lakhs)**

Sl. No	Description of works	Estimated amount of Goods & Services (Per Annum)	Earnest Money Deposit
1	Providing Catering Services for Indira Canteens in Belagavi City Corporation limits of Belagavi District.(E-proc Indent No. DMA/2023-24/IND0406)	678.90	10.19

Supplier can download and submit the tenders through Karnatak Public Procurement portal at www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Calendar of Events and other information are as follows:

1	Delivery Shedule	As given in tender document
2	Last Date for submission of tenders	25-10-2023 upto 17.00 hrs.
3	Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids)	26-10-2023 at 17.01 hrs.

Postponement of calendar of events (if any) is only through e-Procurement portal and will not be published in newspapers.
Sd/-Project Director
Distirct Urban Development Cell, Belagavi
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-438/MCA/2023-24

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department
Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Karwar. Po:Habbuwada, Karwar, Uttara Kannada Dist-581 306.
Phone: 08382-229735 E-mail: eerdwsd.uk@gmail.com
NO.: EE/RDWSD/KWR/RAMANAGAR/MVS/2023-24/1243 DATE: 20.09.2023
TENDER NOTIFICATION
On behalf of Governor of Karnataka Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Karwar has invited tenders from the eligible bidders through KPPP Portal for the following work in Two cover system under Build, Testing and Commissioning. The tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTTP Act and Standard Tender Document KW-IV shall be followed. The tenders are required to submit through KPPP portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** as follows:
(1) Downloading of document through KPPP portal starts from: **21-09-2023** (2) Time & date of Pre-Bid Conference: **29-09-2023 Time: 11.30 Hrs.** Venue: Office of The Chief Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Dept. 1st Floor, E Block, KHB, Complex, Cauveri Bhavan, K. G. Road, Bangalore - 560 009. (3) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids: **05-10-2023 Time: 16.00 Hrs.** (4) Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening: **06-10-2023 Time: 17:00 Hrs.** (5) Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening: **09-10-2023 Time: 11:00 Hrs.**
Name of the work: (1) Part A- Design, Build, Testing and Commissioning: Augmentation of Drinking Water Supply Scheme of Ramnagar Village with additional enroute 15 Villages (39 Habitations) of Joida Taluk, Uttara Kannada District on DBOT basis under Jal Jeevan Mission, EMD: **Rs. 20.52 Lakhs***, Tender processing fee: As per Karnataka Public Procurement Portal, Time for Completion (including Rainy season): **11 months (including monsoon period)** Class of Contractor: **Class-I (KPWD/CPWD or any other Government organization)** And foreign companies having office in India -having requisite qualification
(2) Part B – Operation & Maintenance: Operation & maintenance of the facilities created under Part A for a period of 5 years & subsequently transfer the same at the end of tenure in working condition. Time for Completion (including Rainy season): **60 months after successful completion of Part A**
* The Tenders must be accompanied by Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of Rs. 20,52,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand only) shall be paid online through KPPP Portal using any of the Payment Modes viz., Credit Card, Direct Debit, National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT), Over the Counter (OTC).
More details can be had from the office of the undersigned **(Phone: 08382-229735 E-mail: eerdwsd.uk@gmail.com)** and also through website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** by clicking list of Tenders which will link to all dept works list.
***Sd/-* Executive Engineer,**
RDW&S Division, Karwar, Uttara Kannada District
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